Mental Health First Aid Mental Health First Aid

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On average, there are **123** SUICIDES A DAY. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

## From 1999 to 2016, **630,000** people died from DRUG OVERDOSE.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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## Nearly **1** in **5** U.S. adults lives with a MENTAL ILLNESS.

National Institute of Mental Health via the National Survey on Drug Use and Health and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

## Why Mental Health First Aid?

First Aid

Mental Health First Aid teaches you **how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders**. This 8-hour training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to appropriate care.

#### WHO SHOULD TAKE IT

- Employers
- Police officers
- Hospital staff
- First responders
- Faith leaders
- Community members
- Caring individuals

#### WHAT IT COVERS

- Common signs and symptoms of mental illness.
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use.
- How to interact with a person in crisis.
- How to connect the person with help.
- **NEW:** How to administer naloxone in the event of an opioid overdose.

#### The course will teach you how to apply the ALGEE action plan:

- Assess for risk of suicide or harm
- Listen nonjudgmentally
- **Give** reassurance and information
- Encourage appropriate professional help
- **Encourage** self-help and other support strategies

# More than 1 million trained!

TO FIND A COURSE OR CONTACT AN INSTRUCTOR IN YOUR AREA, VISIT www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org OR EMAIL Info@MentalHealthFirstAid.org.

## WANT TO TAKE THE COURSE?

Where:LeRoyEmergencyAmbulanceService,Inc.When:February 21st, 2020 8am-5pm Lunch ProvidedRegister Here:Limited Space Available Register by calling 309-962-6114

