



**Mental Health FIRST AID**

from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING



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## LEARN HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.

You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide initial support to those who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support.

### AFTER THE COURSE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO:

- Recognize common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges.
- Recognize common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- Understand how to interact with a person in crisis.
- Know how to connect a person with help.
- Use self-care tools and techniques.

Join the more than

**2.6 MILLION**

*First Aiders who  
have chosen to be  
the difference in  
their community.*

## REGISTER TODAY!

### Delivery Format:

Complete a 2-hour self paced on-line course, and participate in an  
in-person instructor led training. Lunch included. \$35/person

### Date and Time:

Friday, March 10, 2023 9:00am-3:30pm

### Location:

Public Services Building 4230 Elkhart Rd, Goshen, IN 46526

### Where to Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/504529159297>

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For more information, visit [MHFA.org](http://MHFA.org)



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## WHY MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID?

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On average,  
**130**  
people die by  
suicide every day.

Source: American Foundation  
for Suicide Prevention

From 1999 to 2019,  
**841,000**  
people died from  
drug overdoses.

Source: Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention

Nearly  
**1 IN 5**  
in the U.S. lives  
with a mental illness.

Source: National Institute  
of Mental Health

## WHO NEEDS TO KNOW MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

- Employers.
- Police officers.
- Hospital staff.
- First responders.
- Caring individuals.

## WHAT IT COVERS

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges.
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- How to interact with a person in crisis.
- How to connect a person with help.
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use and self-care.

## THREE WAYS TO LEARN

- **In-person (2nd Edition)** – Learners receive their training during a 7.5-hour, Instructor-led, in-person session.
- **Blended** – Learners complete a 2-hour, self-paced online course, and participate in a 4.5- to 5.5-hour, Instructor-led training. This Instructor-led Training can be:
  - » A video conference.
  - » An in-person class.

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### Sources

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