

**AMERICAN RED CROSS  
DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING  
"FOUNDATIONS OF DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH"**

**Co-Sponsored by  
South Carolina Counseling Association  
Location: Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort at Grande  
Dunes, 8400 Costa Verde Drive  
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572  
(843-449-8880)  
1:00pm-5:00pm  
Saturday, February 25, 2012**

The **South Carolina Counseling Association** is pleased to announce they are co-sponsoring the following **FREE American Red Cross Event** as a post conference workshop during the 48th Annual SCCA Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC (**Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes, 8400 Costa Verde Drive; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572-Phone:(843-449-8880)**, on

Saturday February 25th, from 1:00pm-5:00pm:

"FOUNDATIONS OF DISASTER MENTAL HEALTH"

Interested in volunteering for a good cause? Want to help out either locally or on a national level? The American Red Cross can use you!

Locally mental health volunteers are needed to assist with working with persons affected by disasters, including things like home fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, chemical spills, etc. in which people are displaced from their homes and/or rescue workers are involved. Helping other volunteers manage their stress is also vital in this capacity. Nationally mental health volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of service areas, including outreach, shelters, supervision, planning, etc. Your time is never mandated but always appreciated. However, to volunteer, you must pass a background check, fill out some paperwork, take a 4 hr. course (see below) called Foundations of Disaster Mental Health (which includes the Disaster Services Overview course) and Chapter Orientation (separately at your local chapter) (1 hr.) These trainings are free and provided by Red Cross instructors.

While there is no requirement to volunteer with Red Cross, information will be provided for you to become a Red Cross volunteer in the hopes you will do so.

**Course Description:** This course is intended for mental health professionals who plan to work in the DMH (disaster mental health) activity with the Red Cross.

Explains the Red Cross Fundamental Principles and mission, the psychological impact of disasters, the role and activities of mental health workers in disasters, the legal implications of disaster mental health work, and how to become involved in disaster work at both the local and national levels. Includes a refresher in Psychological First Aid.

**Prerequisite:** Current mental health state license, certification in school counseling, or graduate student status. (NOTE: if licensed in another state, this is also acceptable; unfortunately certification alone is not sufficient, unless it is in school counseling.)

**NOTE:** You may not learn any new skills from this training, just how to apply the skills you already have within the Red Cross system.

**Instructor:** Barbara Melton, M.Ed., LPC, Disaster Mental Health Lead for Lowcountry Chapter of Red Cross in North Charleston.

Pre-registration IS REQUIRED by February 10, 2012. Register by emailing name, address, phone number, and email address to [jackieandwalt@hotmail.com](mailto:jackieandwalt@hotmail.com)

Questions?

Contact Jackie Hoagland, SCCA Conference Co-Chairperson, at [jackieandwalt@hotmail.com](mailto:jackieandwalt@hotmail.com) or call (843)421-5770(cell)

Training materials will be sent via email attachment to print and bring to training.

*4.0 Continuing Education Credits will also be awarded by SC Counseling Association and a Verification of Attendance Certificate will be awarded to all participants at the conclusion of the post conference training.*