

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID U.S.A.

3-MONTH OR 6-MONTH SURVEY

For this survey, please consider the term <u>mental health problem(s)</u> to include a range of signs and symptoms that *disrupt* daily functioning:

- physical signs (e.g., changes in normal patterns or appearance)
- emotional symptoms (e.g., depressed mood, irritability, excessive worry)
- thinking problems (e.g., racing thoughts, odd ideas, confused thinking)
- behavioral signs (e.g., difficulty concentrating, avoiding feared situations, excessive alcohol and substance use)
- extreme distress (e.g., thoughts of suicide or self-harm, experienced or witnessed traumatic event(s) (i.e., events that are perceived to be dangerous and threatens serious injury or death like accidents, domestic violence, physical or sexual abuse, loss of a caregiver, dog bites, shootings, natural disasters, painful medical procedures, etc.)

Throughout the survey, there are a few sections that will ask you to consider the same set of actions or beliefs from different perspectives. Please help us answer each item even though the items may feel repetitive at times.

A. YOUR PERSONAL BELIEFS

In this section, we would like to know what <u>YOU BELIEVE</u> about mental health problems. Please select the response that best describes your level of agreement.

A	A1. <u>In general, I believe</u> that I should Do not agree at all Strongly agree							
		1	2	3	4	5		
a.	encourage anyone experiencing a mental health crisis to get professional help.							
b.	listen without expressing my judgment to anyone about his/her mental health problem(s).							
c.	give practical resources (e.g., self-help information, crisis hotline) to anyone experiencing a mental health problem(s).							
d.	ask directly about suicidal thoughts or harm if I suspect anyone is experiencing a mental health crisis.				TO.			
e.	encourage anyone experiencing mental health problem(s) to participate in activities that will promote their well-being.							

A2. <u>In general, I believe</u> that people with mental health problem(s)...

		Do n	ot agree	at all	Strongly		ongly agree
			1	2	3	4	5
a.	are easy to talk with.						
b.	are unpredictable.						
c.	get better with treatment.						
d.	are dangerous.						
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		Do n	ot agree	at all		Str	ongly agree
			1	2	3	4	5
A3.	If I had a mental health problem(s), I would not tell anyone.						
A4.	If soneone in my family had a mental health problem(s), I would not tell anyone.						
A5.	I intend to take action to help anyone address his/her mental health problem(s).						
A6.	I intend to reach out and express my concerns to anyone experiencing mental health problem(s).						
A7.	I intend to listen without expressing my judgment to anyone I suspect of experiencing a mental health problem(s).		D				
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B. YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH ACTIONS

For each action, please select the response that best describes **HOW DIFFICULT** it is for you to perform that action.

B1. Currently, I believe that, for me...

		Not at all difficult		Extremely difficult			
		1	2	3	4	5	
a.	Giving practical resources (e,g, self-help information, crisis hotline number) to anyone showing signs and symptoms of a mental health problem(s) is:						
b.	Listening to anyone about his/her mental health problem(s) without expressing my judgment is:						
c.	Asking anyone experiencing a mental health problem(s) if he or she is thinking about suicide or harm is:						
d.	Referring anyone experiencing a mental health problem(s) to a mental health provider is:						
e.	Encouraging anyone showing signs of a mental health problem(s) to engage in activities that might help decrease symptoms is:						

For each statement below, please select the response that best describes **YOUR OPINION** about how likely it would be for anyone with a mental health problem(s) to respond to a specific action of yours.

		Not at all likely			Extremely likely		æly
		1	2	3	4	5	
B2.	If I express my concerns to any person about the mental health signs and symptoms that he or she is experiencing, it will help that person to seek timely support.						
В3.	If I listen to any person without expressing my judgment, it will help that person talk to me about his/her mental health problem(s).						
B4.	If I ask about suicidal thoughts directly, a person with such thoughts will feel a sense of relief.						
B5.	If I give information about mental health providers in the community to any person experiencing mental health problem(s), it will assist that person to get help.						

We would like to learn from you whether helping anyone with mental health problem(s) would be personally rewarding – in other words, something that would feel *beneficial* to you.

For each action, please select the response that best describes **HOW REWARDING** it is for you to perform that action.

B6. *Currently*, I believe that, **for me**...

		Not at all rev	varding		Extrem	ely rewai	ding
	1, /	1	2	3	4	5	
a.	Giving practical resources (e.g., self-help information, crisis hotline number) to anyone showing signs and symptoms of a mental health problem(s) is:						
b.	Listening to anyone about his/her mental health problem(s) without expressing my judgment is:						
c.	Asking anyone experiencing a mental health problem(s) if he or she is thinking about suicide or harm is:						
d.	Referring anyone experiencing a mental health problem(s) to a mental health provider is:						
e.	Encouraging anyone showing signs of a mental health problem(s) to engage in activities that might help decrease symptoms is:						
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C. YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT PEOPLE IMPORTANT TO YOU

In this section, please tell us what you think PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU (i.e., people who influence the way you think) believe. Select the response that best describes your level of agreement.

C1.	In general,	people who are	e important to	me believe	that I should

		Do not agree at all				Strongly agree
	A ' ' À	1	2	3	4	5
a.	encourage anyone experiencing a mental health crisis to get professional help.					
b.	listen without expressing my judgment to anyone about his/her mental health problem(s).					
c.	give practical resources (e.g., self-help information, crisis hotline number) to anyone experiencing a mental health problem(s).					
d.	ask directly about suicidal thoughts or harm if I suspect anyone is experiencing a mental health crisis.					
e.	encourage anyeone experiencing mental health problem(s) to participate in activities that will promote their well-being.	\ \\				
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C2.	<u>In general, people who are important to me b</u> problem(s)	<u>elieve</u> that peo	ple with	mental	health	
	problem(s)					
		Do not agree	at all			Strongly agree
		1	2	3	4	5
a.	are easy to talk with.			9		
b.	are unpredictable.					
c.	get better with treatment.					P
d.	are dangerous.					

D. YOUR CONFIDENCE IN PERFORMING MENTAL HEALTH **ACTIONS**

Please select the response that best describes your level of agreement with the following statements.

D1.	1. Currently, I am confident that <u>I can</u>								
		Do not agree at all		l	Stron		ee		
		1	2	3	4	5			
a.	assist a person who may be dealing with a mental health problem(s) to seek professional help.								
b.	provide practical resources (e.g., self-help information, crisis hotline number) to help anyone who may have a mental health problem(s).								
c.	recognize the signs and symptoms of mental health problem(s) in anyone.								
d.	ask a person directly whether he/she is considering killing her/himself.								
e.	de-escalate a situation where anyone is agitated or aggressive.								
f.	ask anyone directly about experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event(s) (i.e., events that are perceived to be dangerous and threatens serious injury or death like accidents, domestic violence, physical or sexual abuse, loss of a caregiver, dog bites, shootings, natural disasters, painful medical procedures, etc.)								
g.	listen without expressing my judgement to anyone in distress.								
h.	correct misconceptions in others about mental health and mental illness.				3/6				
i.	suggest supportive and self-help strategies to anyone with mental health problem(s).					Ø			

For each statement below, please select the response that best describes the **LIKELIHOOD** that you would carry out the following actions *currently*.

		Not at	all likely			E	Extremely likely
			1	2	3	4	5
D2.	I will approach anyone with a mental health problem(s) if I feel I have the knowledge to talk to him/her about their problem.						
D3.	I will help anyone with a mental health problem(s) if I have practice in asking about suicidal thoughts or harm.						
D4.	I will talk to anyone about their mental health problem(s), if he/she is willing to talk to me about the problem.						
D5.	I will recommend getting help from a mental health provider to anyone experiencing a mental problem(s) if I know the resources in the community.						
D6.	I will encourage anyone experiencing a mental health problem(s) to use self-help strategies if I knew which strategies to recommend.						
D7.	I will help anyone experiencing mental health symptom(s) to find supports if I know the resources available in the community.	/					

E. YOUR AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MENTAL HEALTH

Please select the response that best describes your level of agreement with the following statements.

	7	Do not agree	Agree	Don't know
E1.	At least 1 in 5 people in the US have one or more mental health disorder(s) in any one year.			
E2.	Around half of mental disorders start during childhood or adolescence.			
E3.	It is not a good idea to ask people if they are feeling suicidal in case you put the idea in their head.			
E4.	Use of alcohol or other drugs increases the risk of suicide or harm.			
E5.	Schizophrenia is one of the most common mental disorders in the US.			
Е6.	Depression can increase a young person's risk taking behavior (e.g., reckless driving, risky sexual involvements).			
E7.	When talking to people with eating disorders, it is important to criticize their body size.			
E8.	Exposure to traumatic event(s) is a risk factor in almost every type of mental illness.			
E9.	Males complete suicide four times more frequently than females.			· V _□

		Do not agree	Agree	Don i know
E10.	People with psychosis are more at risk of being victims of violent crimes.			
E11.	When difficulties are encountered, youth tend to be quite resilient.			
E12.	Physical symptoms such as fast breathing, dizziness, or shaking could be signs of a panic attack.			
E13.	Emotional symptoms such as excessive anger, depressed mood, or hopelessness can be signs of a young person's distress.			
E14.	Two significant risk factors of suicide are having an organized plan and having had a previous attempt.			
E15.	Anxiety disorders are the least common mental health disorders in the US.			
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F. YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

Please provide the response that best reflects your experience(s) in the past $\bf 3$ months.

F1. In the past 3 months, have you encountered anyone displaying the following *mental* health related signs and symptoms:

		Yes/no	If yes, how
			many people ?
a.	Physical signs like significant changes in normal patterns or appearance?	□ Y □ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
b.	Emotional symptoms like depressed mood, irritability, excessive anxiety or worry?	YN	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
c.	Thinking problems like self-blame, racing thoughts, or odd ideas?	YN	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
d.	Behavioral signs like frequent crying, withdrawal, aggression, phobias, excessive use of alcohol or drugs?	YN	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
e.	Thoughts of suicide or self-harm?	Y N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
f.	Experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event(s) (i.e., events that are perceived to be dangerous and threatens serious injury or death like accidents, domestic violence, physical or sexual abuse, loss of a caregiver, dog bites, shootings, natural disasters, painful medical procedures, etc.)	YN	1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8 9+
g.	Changes in normal behaviors that disrupt daily functioning in school, social settings, work, etc?	☐ Y ☐ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+



F2.	In the past 3 months, how many people have you referred to services and supports?
	None → SKIP TO F3
	\square 3-4
	5-6
	7-8
	9+
	If you indicated <u>at least 1 person</u> , what type(s) of services and supports did you refer
	the person(s) to? (Mark all that apply.)
	☐ Mental health provider (e.g., psychologist, social worker, substance abuse
	counselor, etc.)
	Medical provider (e.g., family doctor, pediatrician, internist, etc.)
	Community mental health agency providing mental health services
	☐ Private practice providing mental health counseling
	National crisis hotline phone number
	Local crisis hotline phone number
	Local hospital (including emergerncy room)
	Clergy (including church member, ministry, pastor, parish staff, etc.)
	Local support groups
	Self-help information or strategies (e.g., books, websites, yoga, meditation, etc.)
	Other (<i>Please specify</i>):
	Unter (1 lease specify).
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F3.	In the past 3 months, have you reached out to anyone who you believe has a mental
	health problem(s) in any of the ways listed below:

^		Yes/no	If yes, how many people ?
a.	Brought up signs and symptoms that you recognize	☐ Y ☐ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
b.	Assessed the situation for the presence of a crisis	□ Y □ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
c.	Spent time listening to someone without expressing your judgment.	☐ Y ☐ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
d.	Helped someone to calm down	□ Y □ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
e.	Called a crisis hotline or service for someone	□ Y □ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
f.	Offered emotional support	□ Y □ N	1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8 9+
g.	Suggested options for getting help	□ Y □ N	1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8 9+
h.	Talked to someone about his/her suicidal thoughts	☐ Y ☐ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+

F3.	In the past 3 months, have you reached out to anyone who you believe has a mental health problem(s) in <i>any of the ways listed below</i> :		
		Yes/no	If yes, how many people ?
i.	Encouraged someone to seek professional help	□ Y □ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
j.	Encouraged someone to get other supports	□ Y □ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
k.	Helped identify others who may be able to help the person	□ Y □ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
1.	Engaged family members to help	□ Y □ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
m.	Recommended self-help strategies	□ Y □ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
n.	Gave someone information about his/her problem(s)	□ Y □ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+
0.	Gave someone information about local services	□Y□N	1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8 9+
p.	Made someone an appointment for services	□ Y □ N	☐ 1-2 ☐ 3-4 ☐ 5-6 ☐ 7-8 ☐ 9+

F4.	Please tell us any other steps that you may have taken in reaching out or intervening on behalf of someone whom you suspected of experiencing mental health related difficulties.						
F5.	. In the past 3 months, because of my Mental H	ealth First A	id traini	ng,			
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a.	I am more aware of the signs and symptoms of my own mental health.						
b.	I am more aware of the signs and symptoms of other people's mental health.						
c.	I have greater empathy towards someone experiencing mental health challenges.						
d.	I am more likely to ask someone if he or she is "ok" if I see him or her showing signs and symptoms of distress.						
e.	I feel more comfortable being around someone who is talking to himself or herself.						
f.	I am less likely to avoid someone showing signs and symptoms of a mental health problem.		12				
g.	I feel more comfortable talking to someone about mental health related signs and symptoms that I had observed in another person.						
h.	I have been using the information I learned from the MHFA training.						

F6.	Specifically how has the MHFA training enabled you to assist someone experiencing a mental health problem?		
F7.	Specifically, what were the most useful aspects of the Mental Health First Aid training?		
F8.	Specifically, what were the least useful aspects of the Mental Health First Aid training?		
G.	YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS		
	would like to know about your experience of mental health problem(s) in		
every	day life.		
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GI. I	Have you ever experienced a personal mental health problem(s)?		
□No			
_	t sure		
	Γο your knowledge, has anyone in your family experienced a mental health problem(s)?		
☐ Yes			
□No			
G3.	Γο your knowledge, have any of your friends, co-workers, or neighbors experienced a		
	mental health problem(s)?		
☐ Yes	•		
□No			

G4. In which role(s) have you come into contact with someone experiencing a mental health					
problem(s)? As $a(n)$: \overline{Mark} all that apply.					
mental health provider (e.g., psychologist, social worker, school counselor) Substance abuse counselor Camp / Recreational counselor Medical/allied health provider (e.g., non-psychiatric MD, RN, PT, OT, etc.) First responder Coach Teacher Non-instructional school staff (e.g., administrator, security, bus driver, etc.) Case manager Clergy (including church member,	☐ Family advocate ☐ Law enforcement ☐ Other legal system(s) (e.g., juvenile detention, probation officer, foster care) ☐ Military personnel (including Veterans) ☐ Other government personnel ☐ Airline personnel ☐ Business employer or manager ☐ Friend ☐ Neighbor or colleague ☐ Family member ☐ Parent ☐ Other (<i>Please describe</i>):				
ministry, pastor, parish staff, etc.)					
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G5. In the past 3 months, have you taken any additional training related to mental health?					
Yes					
□No					

Thank you very much for your time and participation!