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# FEMA Strategic Plan

Building the FEMA our Nation Needs and Deserves



## **Goal 1:** Instill Equity as a Foundation of Emergency Management

- 1.1 Cultivate a FEMA that prioritizes and harnesses a diverse workforce
- 1.2 Remove barriers to FEMA programs through a people first approach
- 1.3 Achieve equitable outcomes for those we serve



## **Goal 2:** Lead Whole of Community in Climate Resilience

- 2.1 Increase climate literacy among the emergency management community
- 2.2 Build a climate resilient nation
- 2.3 Empower risk-informed decision making



## **Goal 3:** Promote and Sustain a Ready FEMA and Prepared Nation

- 3.1 Strengthen the emergency management workforce
- 3.2 Posture FEMA to meet current and emergent threats
- 3.3 Unify coordination and delivery of federal assistance



# All Hazards Continuity of Operations – Why is it important?



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# Continuity of Operations

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Continuity of Operations is essential for your facility to be able to continue to perform their essential functions before, during and after disasters or incidents that threaten to or disrupt normal operations.



# Elements of a Viable Continuity Program

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10 primary elements:

- Essential functions
- Orders of succession
- Delegations of authority
- Continuity facilities
- Continuity communications
- Essential records management
- Human resources
- Tests, training, and exercises
- Devolution of control and direction
- Reconstitution operations



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# Continuity is not new....

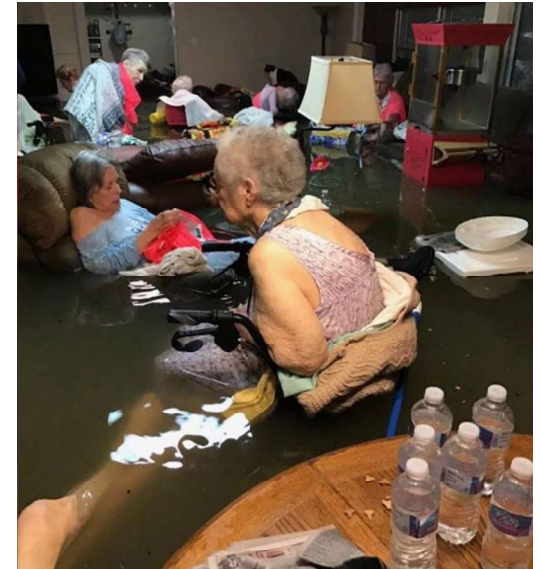
- Continuity elements you may already be familiar with...



- Mutual aid
- Data back-up / recovery
- Communications planning
- Employee alerts and notifications
- Emergency Operations Plans
- Chain of Command

# When to use COOP...

- Any emergency that impacts your agency's facilities or abilities to provide its essential functions:
  - Localized acts of nature
  - Accidents
  - Technical hazards or attack-related emergencies
  - Fires
  - Hazardous materials incidents
  - Weather emergencies
  - Flooding
  - Power Outages
  - Terror attacks
  - Civil disturbances
  - Others?





# Continuity Planning Considerations

COOP plans must:

- Be capable of implementation anytime, with and without warning.
- Provide full operational capability for essential functions not later than 12 hours after activation.
- Be capable of sustaining operations for up to 30 days.



# Why do I need a COOP plan?



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# Training Websites

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- FEMA Continuity of Operations (COOP) Programs:

<http://www.fema.gov/government/coop/index.shtm>

- FEMA Training/EMI Independent Study (IS) Program:

<http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/>



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# Until Help Arrives

- Free training available online
- Non-medical providers training non-medical providers
- How to stop life threatening bleeding and provide emotional support in the critical 6-12 minutes before a trained medical responder can arrive
- <https://community.fema.gov/until-help-arrives>



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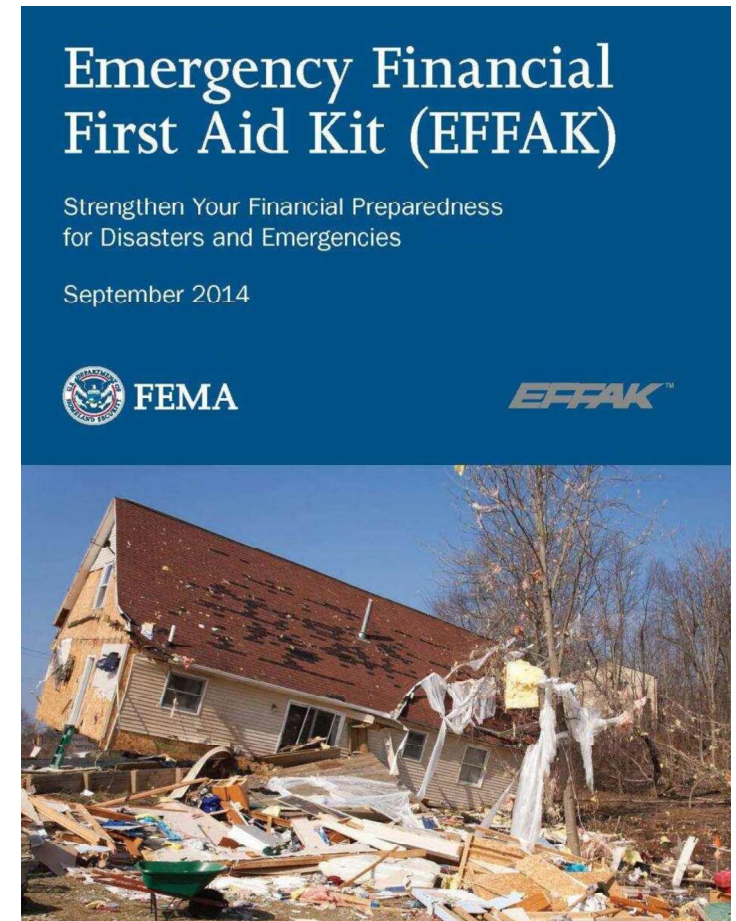


# Financial Preparedness

- Have cash on hand whenever possible
- Consider meeting with a financial advisor
- Complete the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) for your family
- Spread the word!
- <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/96123/financial-preparedness>



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# Questions?

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# Provider Ready Workshop: Preparedness for Older Adult Service Providers

## Planning Ahead – Assisting Isolated Older Adults in an Emergency

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# Older Adults Disproportionately Affected by Disasters

- 2017 California wildfires
- Hurricane Katrina
- COVID-19



# Community Resilience

- *Be resilient*
- *Whole Community, all hazards approach*
- *Engage partners and foster development of partnerships to ensure emergency plan and response alignment and integration at all levels (e.g., facility, community, State/local agency)*



# Networks

- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster ([www.nvoad.org](http://www.nvoad.org))
- Medical Reserve Corps  
(<https://aspr.hhs.gov/MRC/Pages/index.aspx> )
- Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs)  
(<https://www.ready.gov/cert>)
- Health Care Coalitions  
(<https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/hcc-resources> )

# Capacity-Building Toolkit for including Aging & Disability Networks in Emergency Planning



Developed by the U.S.  
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Human Services, Office of  
the Assistant Secretary for  
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HEALTH OFFICIALS (ASTHO) IN COLLABORATION WITH  
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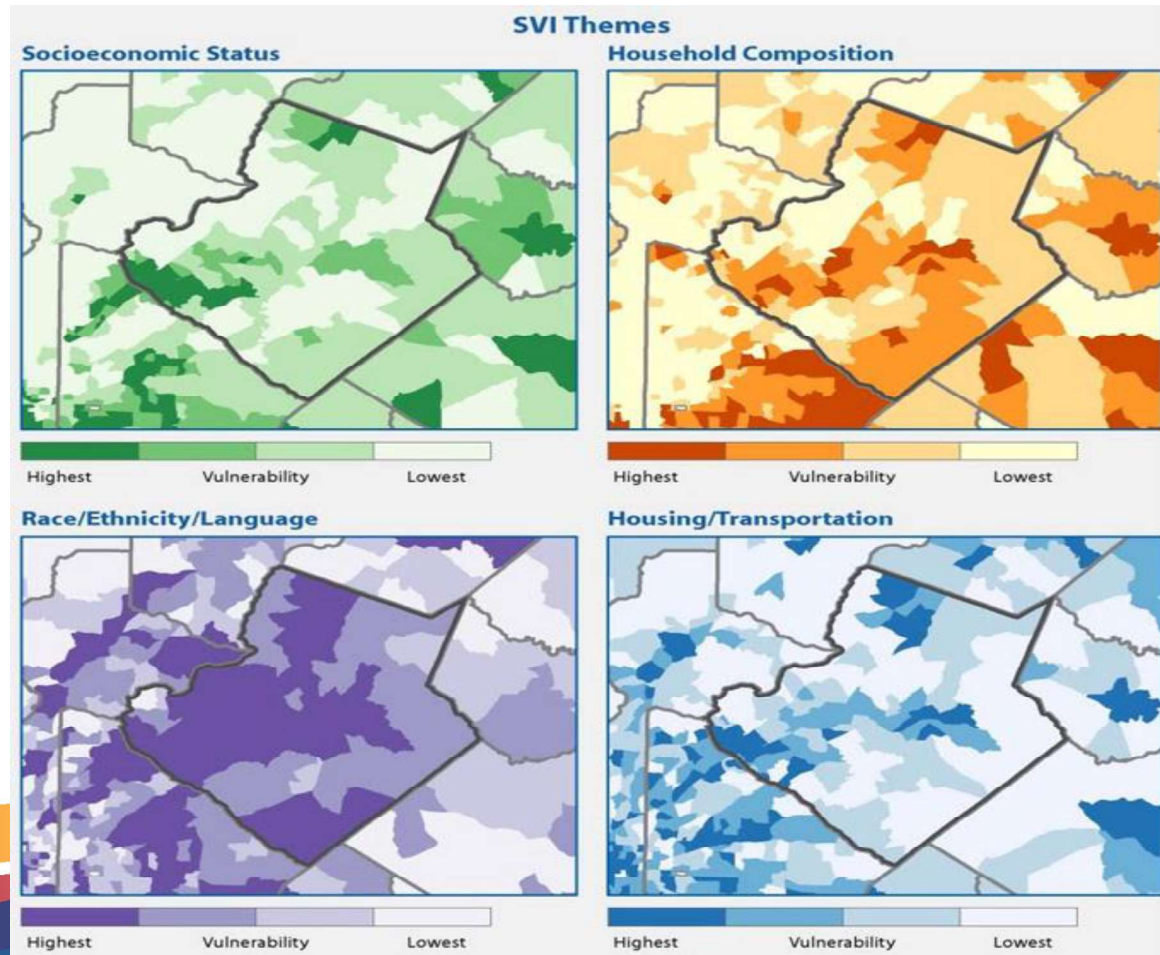
- Link to toolkit:  
<https://acl.gov/news-and-events/announcements/new-resource-available-emergency-planning-toolkit-aging-and-0>



# EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS

# CDC/ATSDR Social Vulnerability

<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/index.html>

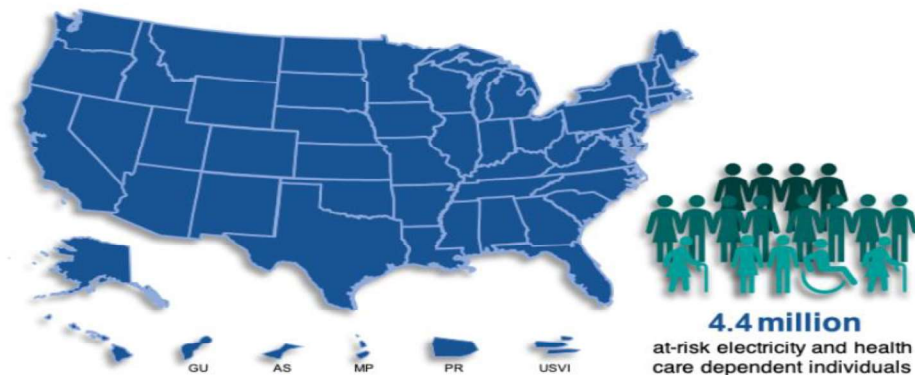


# People with Disabilities

- <https://www.ready.gov/disability> contains tips for:
  - medications
  - people who are deaf or hard of hearing
  - people who are blind or have low vision
  - people with speech disability
  - people with ID/DD
  - people with a mobility disabilityand more.....

# Reaching Isolated Older Adults

# HHS emPOWER Program



<https://empowerprogram.hhs.gov/index.html>

# Locating Isolated Older Adults

- HCBS providers
- HDM programs
- Area Agencies on Aging
- Adult Protective Services/Guardianship programs
- Senior centers
- Congregate meal sites
- Houses of Worship
- Community Leaders
- Census data
- GIS Mapping
- Utility registries
- Special Needs registries
- Caregivers/relatives
- Volunteers/Neighbors
- Senior housing
- Private apartment complex mgmt.



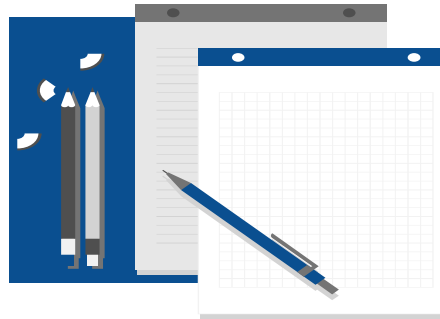
# Individual Preparedness\*

- Events may happen without warning
- Caregiver may be separated from older adult when event occurs and cannot reach him/her
- Utilities may be interrupted
- Official assistance may be delayed

\*From *Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities and other Special Needs*, FEMA and American Red Cross, August 2004, p.2  
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# Elements of Preparedness

- Be Informed
- Have an emergency supplies kit
- Make a Plan



From [the FEMA brochure Prepare for emergencies Now: Information for Older Americans](https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/ready_prepare-now-seniors.pdf). ([https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/ready\\_prepare-now-seniors.pdf](https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/ready_prepare-now-seniors.pdf))

## Before Making a Plan\*...

- Assess the older adult's needs
  - what assistance might the older adult need?
  - what can they do for themselves? What resources do they have?
  - can the older adult evacuate in an emergency?
  - dme/medication needs
  - pets

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# Emergency Supplies Kit

## 10 Essentials for Your Emergency Kit

Older adults can be especially vulnerable during severe weather.

Stock your emergency kit with these essentials.



To learn more about how older adults can be prepared, visit  
[www.nia.nih.gov/disaster-preparedness](http://www.nia.nih.gov/disaster-preparedness).

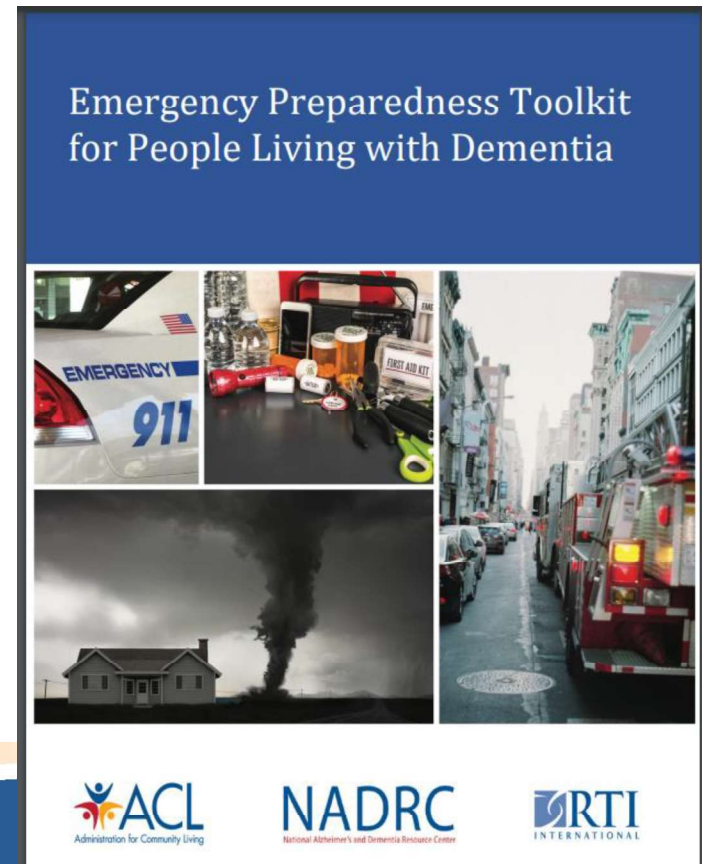


# Preparedness Tips for Older Adults/Caregivers

- Understand the risks that the community is likely to face
- Enroll in the local special needs emergency registry; may require annual registration
- Notify the utility company of any needs for power for medical equipment
- Get to know your loved one's neighbors
- Keep portable cell phone chargers on hand
- Arrange for back-up in case primary caregiver not available
- Sign up to receive official communications in an emergency
- Keep at least a half a tank of gas in the car and some cash on hand

# NADRC Emergency Preparedness Toolkit for People Living with Dementia

- Helps people living with dementia, their family members, and their caregivers understand what to expect in the event of a disaster and how to prepare for it.





# PLANNING RESOURCES

- Preparing Makes Sense for Older Americans. Get Ready Now.  
[www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/older\\_americans.pdf](https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/older_americans.pdf)
- Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/aging/publications/features/older-adult-emergency.html>
- Ready.gov preparedness information for older adults.  
<https://www.ready.gov/older-adults>
- NADRC Emergency Preparedness Toolkit for People Living with Dementia,  
<https://pblob1storage.blob.core.windows.net/public/nadrc/docs/2022-NADRC-Emergency-Prep-Toolkit-04202022.pdf>

# PLANNING RESOURCES

- FEMA and AARP, *Guide to Expanding Mitigation – Making the Connection to older Adults*, <https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20220713/fema-aarp-release-new-resources-help-local-communities-protect-older-adults>
- FEMA and American Red Cross, *Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities and other Special Needs*, August 2004, [https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/atg/PDF\\_s/Preparedness\\_Disaster\\_Recovery/General\\_Preparedness\\_Recovery/Home/A4497.pdf](https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/atg/PDF_s/Preparedness_Disaster_Recovery/General_Preparedness_Recovery/Home/A4497.pdf)
- Disaster Preparedness and Recovery for Older Adults. <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/disaster-preparedness-and-recovery-older-adults>

# Recovery Resources for Individuals

- Recovering from Disaster – Ready.gov (<https://www.ready.gov/recovering-disaster>)
- Get Assistance After a Disaster (FEMA) (800-621-3362; <https://www.fema.gov/assistance>)
- Disaster Assistance for Older Adults (National Council on Aging (<https://www.ncoa.org/older-adults/benefits/disaster-assistance>))

Source: <https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/disaster-preparedness-and-recovery-older-adults>

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# Aging Adults: A Brief Look at The Behavioral Health Landscape

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Services Administration

# Behavioral Health: A National Priority

## **SAMHSA's Mission:**

*Reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness  
on America's communities*

## **Roles:**

Leadership and Voice  
Data and Surveillance  
Public Education  
Regulation and Standard Setting  
Practice Improvement  
Funding

**Behavioral health is essential to health**

**Prevention works**

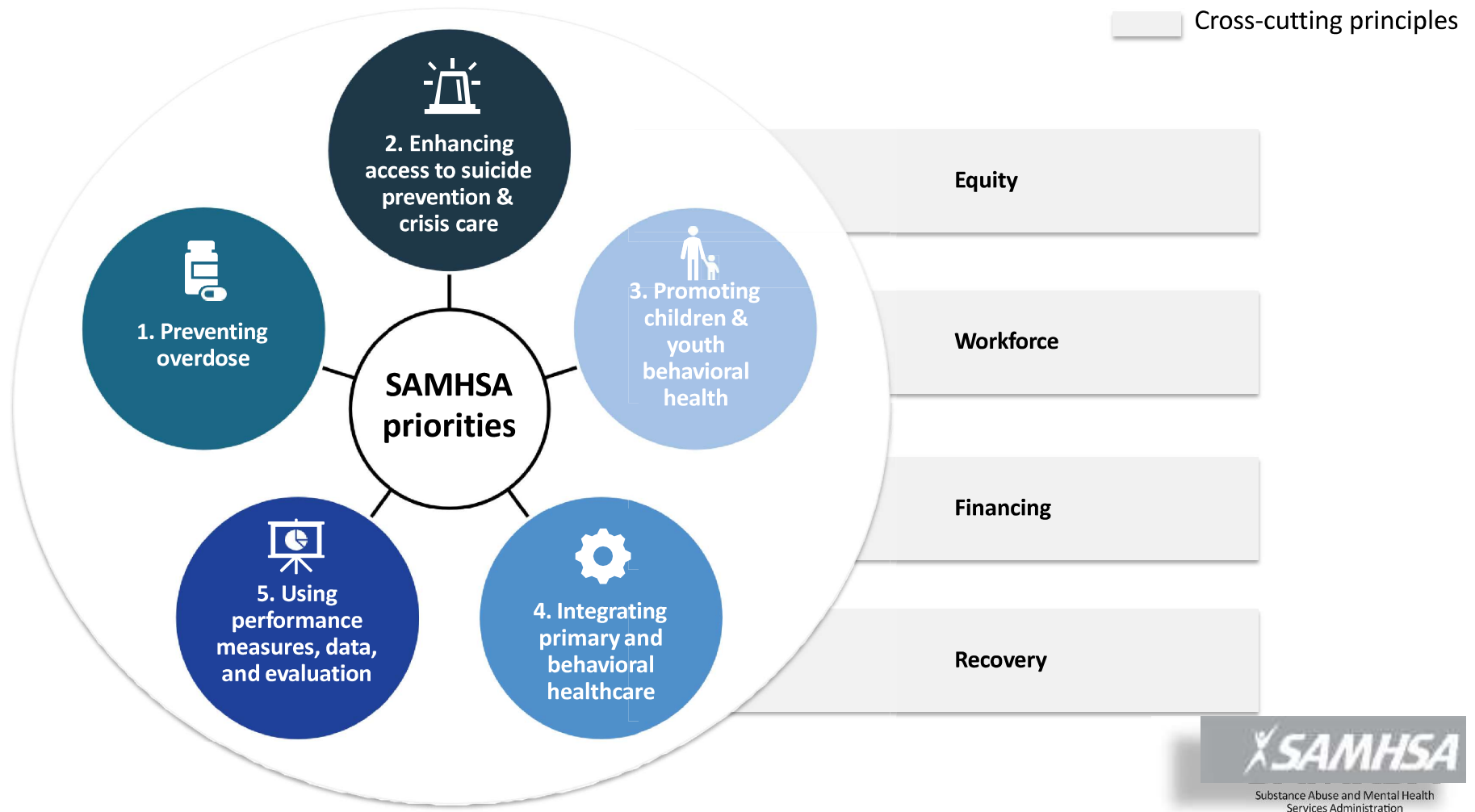
**Treatment is effective**

**People recover**

***SAMHSA leads public health efforts  
to advance the behavioral health of the Nation***



# SAMHSA Priorities and Cross-Cutting Principles



## Factors Affecting Mental Illness & Addiction

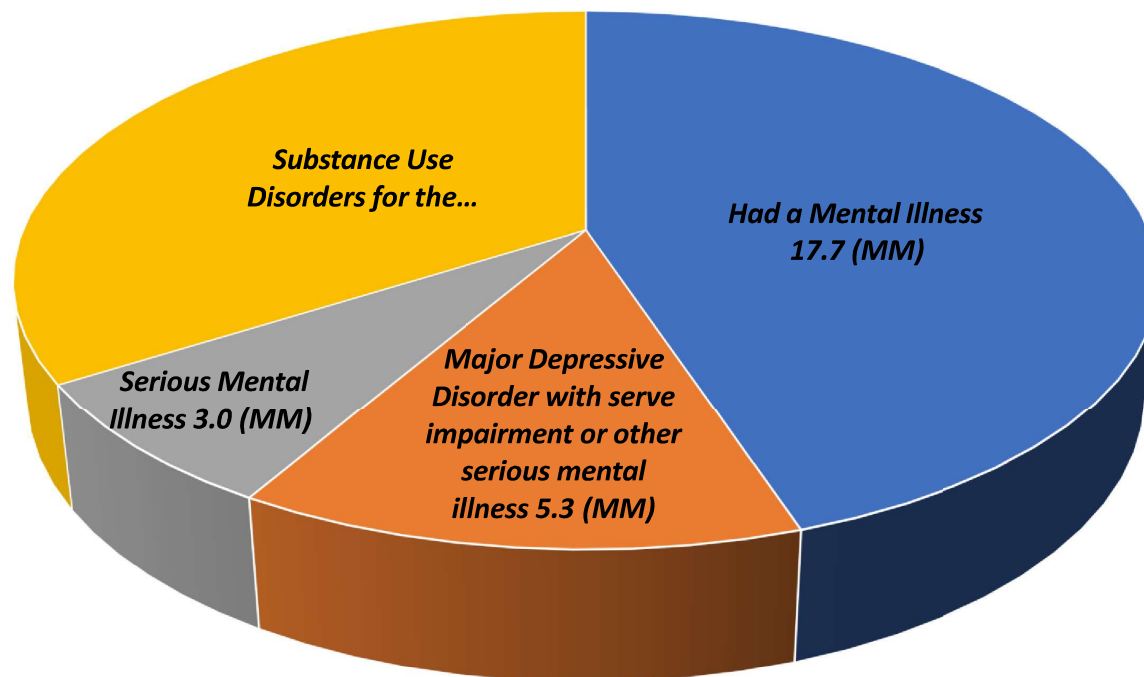
An iceberg floating in the ocean. The tip of the iceberg, which is visible above the water line, represents the visible symptoms of mental illness and addiction. The much larger, submerged part of the iceberg represents the underlying factors that contribute to these conditions. The background is a blue sky with white clouds and a blue ocean.

- Family history
- Family and peer relationships
- Limited access to health care
- Early exposure to illicit drugs & alcohol
- Trauma experience
- Poverty

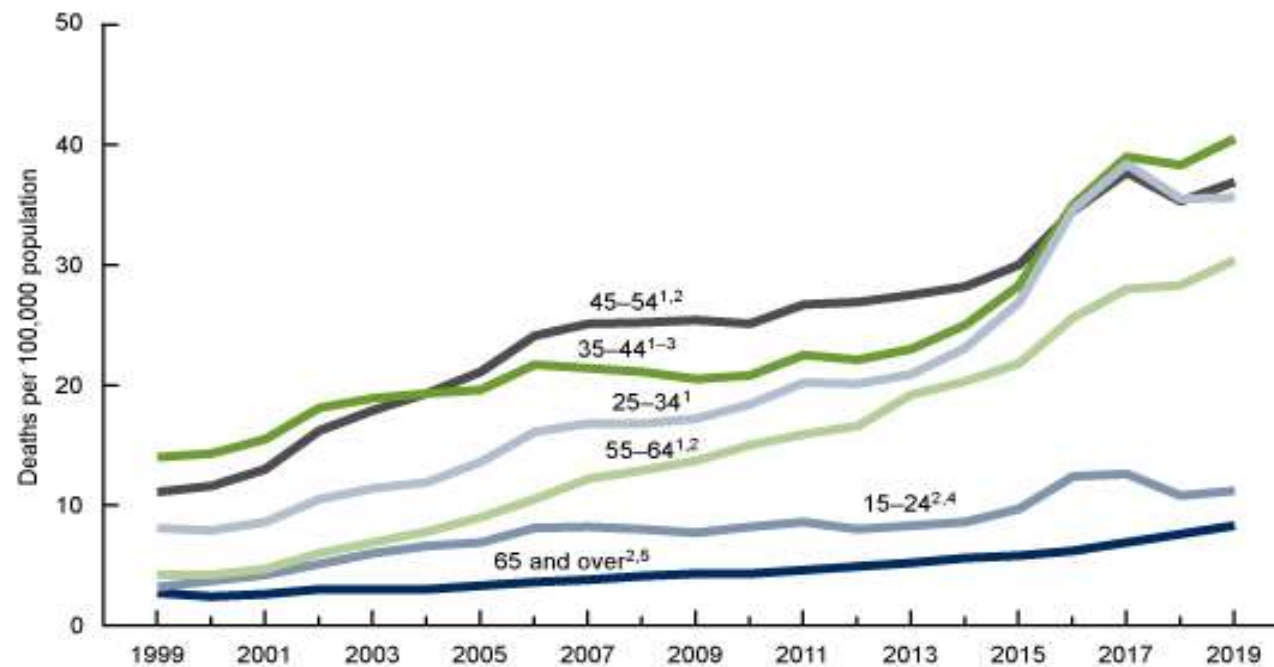
- Poor health
- Chronic pain
- Lower educational level
- Homelessness /
- Unsafe living environment
- Unemployment
- Exposure to criminal behavior

# Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders in America: 2021

## Older Adults Age 50 or Older



## Substance Use and Older Adults



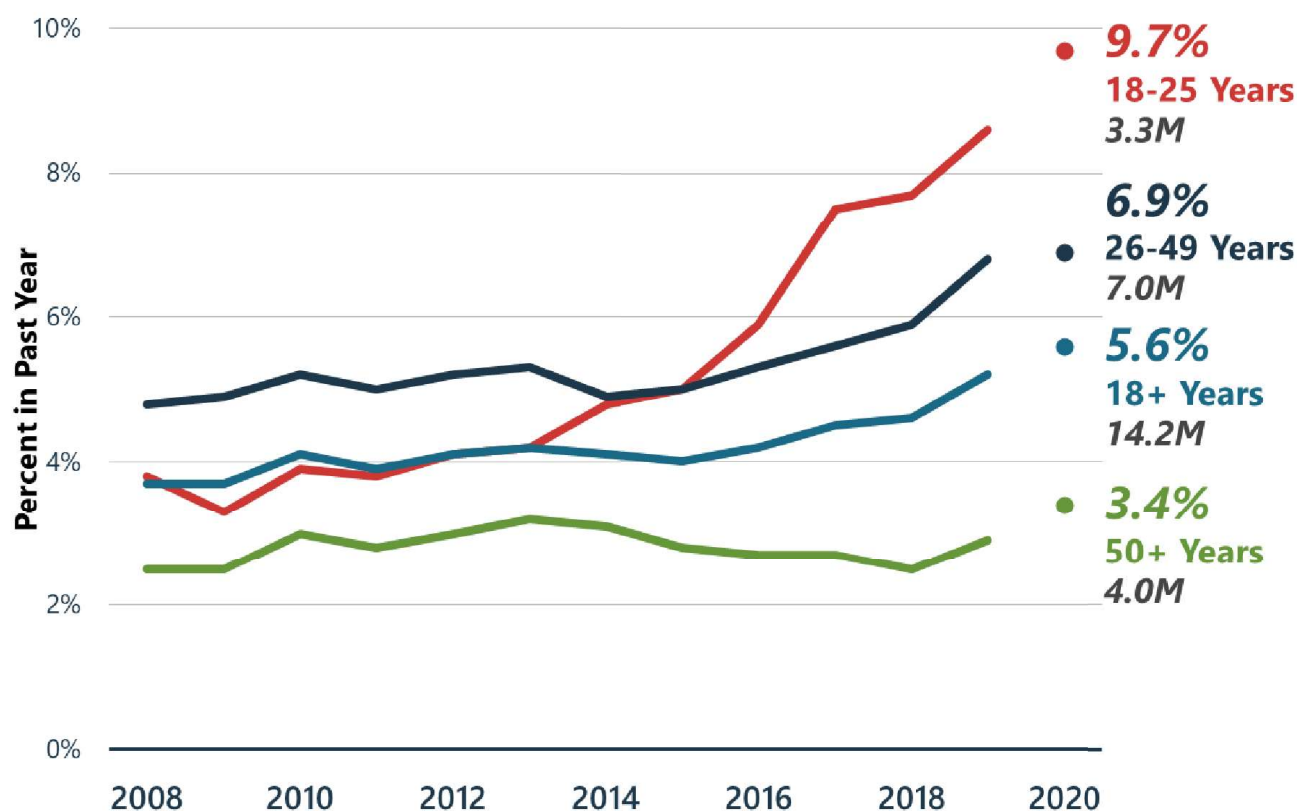
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**Figure 2. Drug overdose death rates among those aged 15 and over, by selected age group, United States, 1999–2019**

Hedegaard H, Miniño AM, Warner M. Drug overdose deaths in the United States, 1999–2019. NCHS Data Brief, no 394. Hyattsville, MD: National Center for Health Statistics. 2020.

# Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in Past Year: Among Adults Aged 18+

PAST YEAR, 2008-2020 NSDUH, 18+



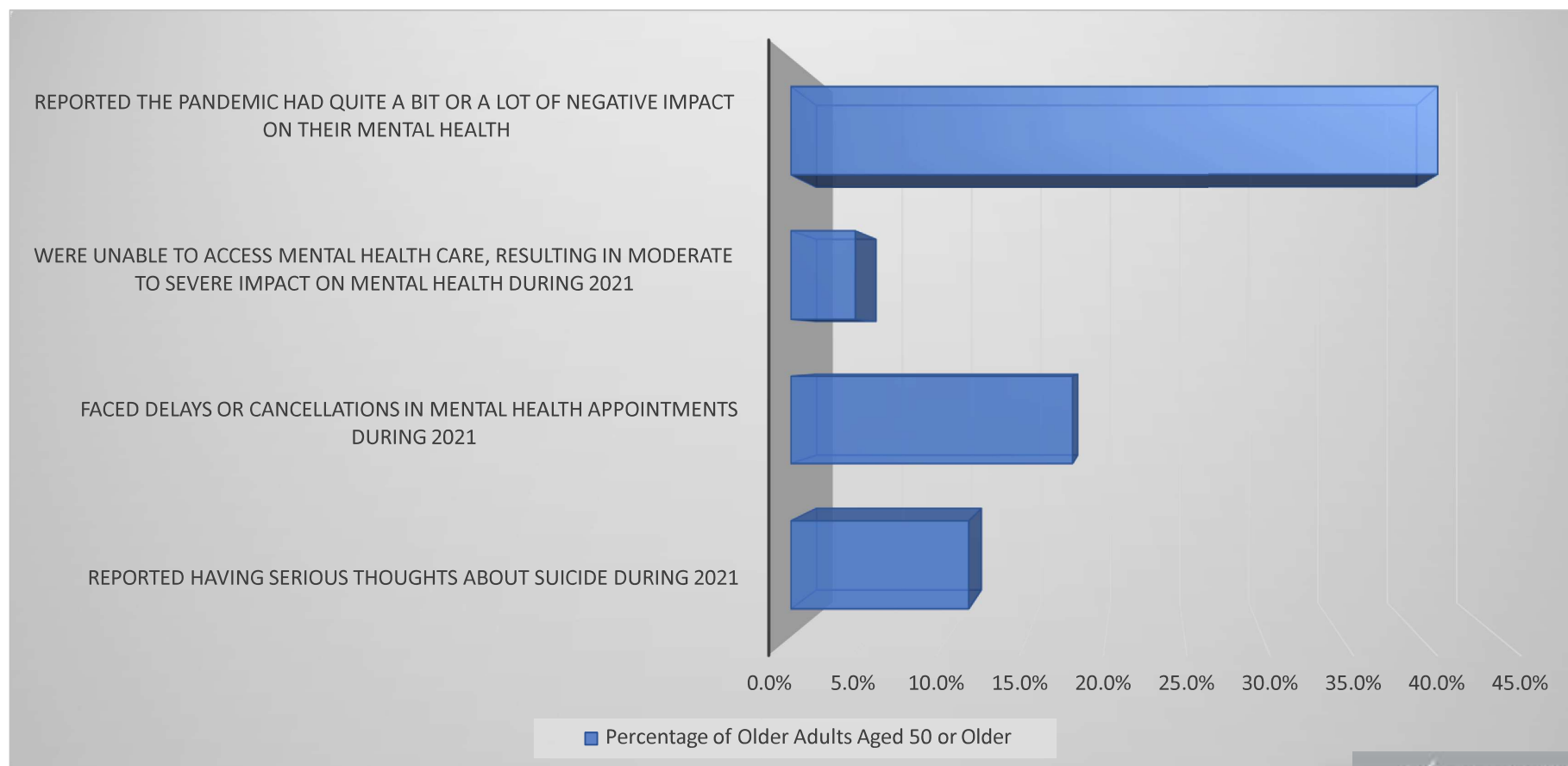
42.4% got NO treatment



37.0% got NO treatment

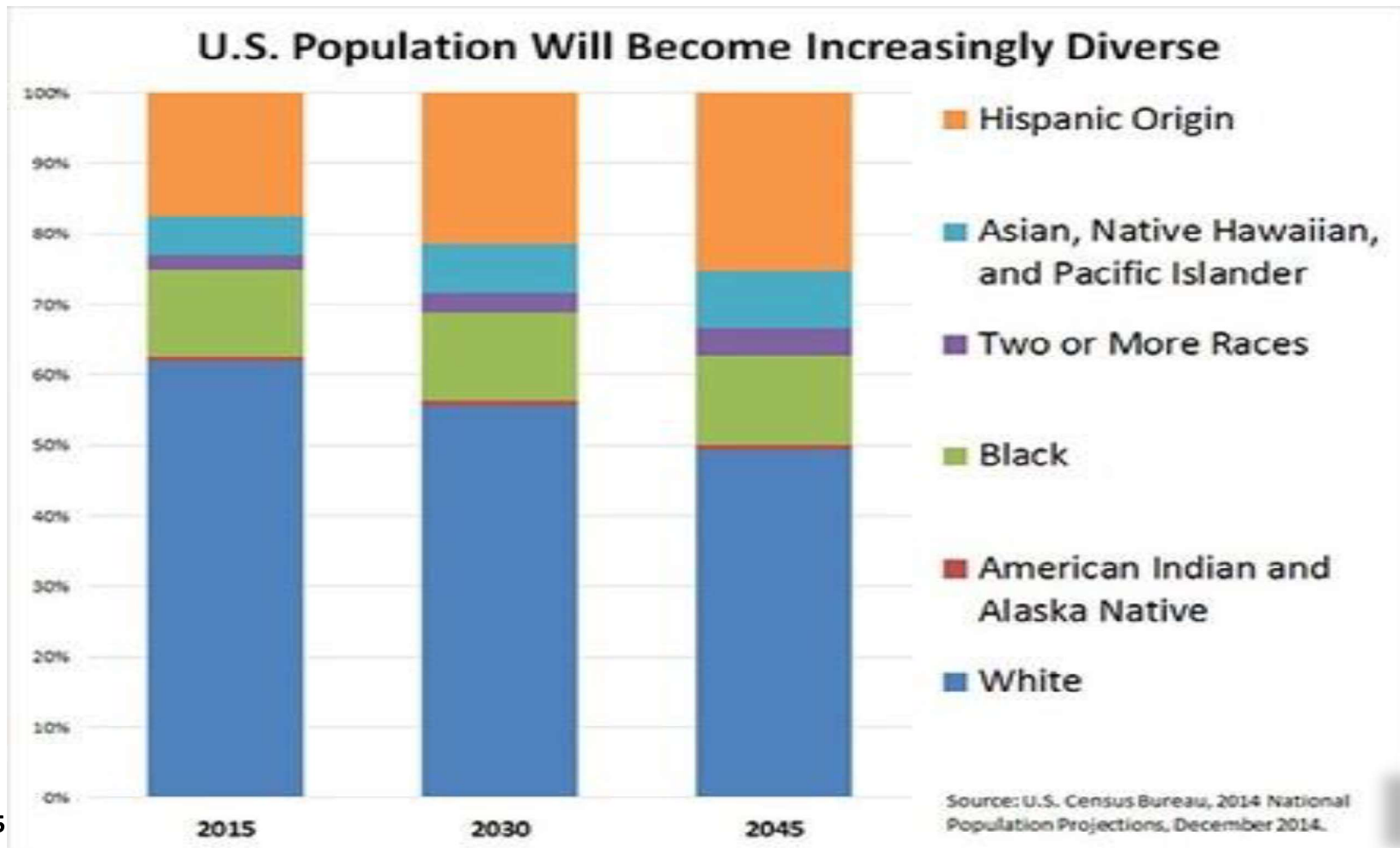
There is no line between 2019 and 2020 to indicate caution should be used when comparing estimates between 2020 and prior years because of methodological changes for 2020. Due to these changes, significance testing between 2020 and prior years was not performed. See the *2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Summary and Definitions* for details.

# Effects of COVID-19 on Behavioral Health





# Increasingly Diverse and Aging Population



# Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act



This is a 1988 [United States federal law](#) designed to bring an orderly and systematic means of federal natural disaster assistance for state and local governments in carrying out their responsibilities to aid citizens. Congress's intention was to encourage states and localities to develop comprehensive disaster preparedness plans, prepare for better intergovernmental coordination in the face of a disaster, encourage the use of insurance coverage, and provide federal assistance programs for losses due to a disaster.

# Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP)

The CCP helps individuals and communities recover from natural and human-caused disasters through community outreach and access to mental health services.

- The CCP is designed to provide immediate behavioral health support, primarily relying on face-to-face contacts with survivors in their communities.
- The CCP provides these support-centered services to survivors over a specific period of time.

<https://www.samhsa.gov/dtac/ccp>

## Disaster Technical Assistance Center (DTAC)

SAMHSA DTAC provides materials, training, and technical assistance to the entire United States, its territories, and federally recognized tribes for all-hazards disaster behavioral health preparedness, response, and recovery. For more information about our services, please visit our website at <https://www.samhsa.gov/dtac>.



# Disaster Behavioral Health Planners Resource Portal

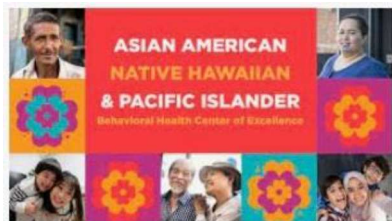
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- **CCP Toolkit**
- **Disaster Planners**
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  - Older Adults
  - Individuals Experiencing Homelessness
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Disaster Planning and Response
- Disaster Survivors
- Disaster Responders
- **Disaster Behavioral Health Resources**
- First Responder Training
- Webinars and Podcasts
- **DBHIS Resource Center**
- Disaster Response Template Toolkit

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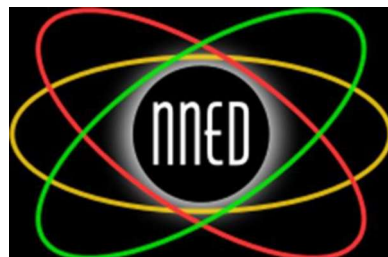
# SAMHSA Training Centers to Support Providers



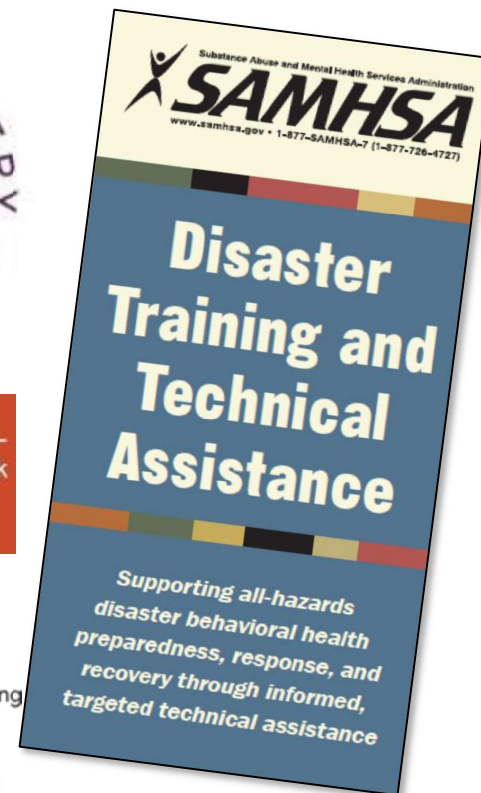
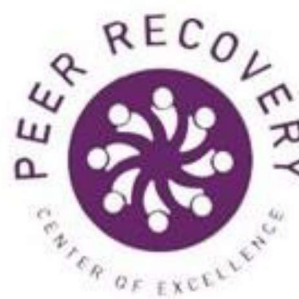
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Behavioral Health Center of Excellence



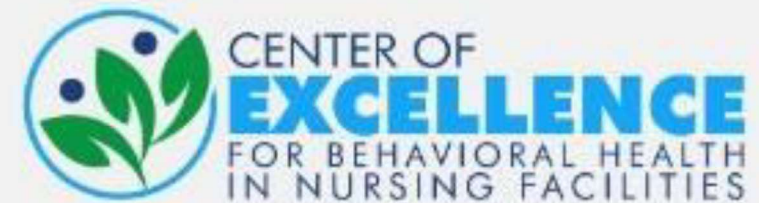
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Disparities in Behavioral Health





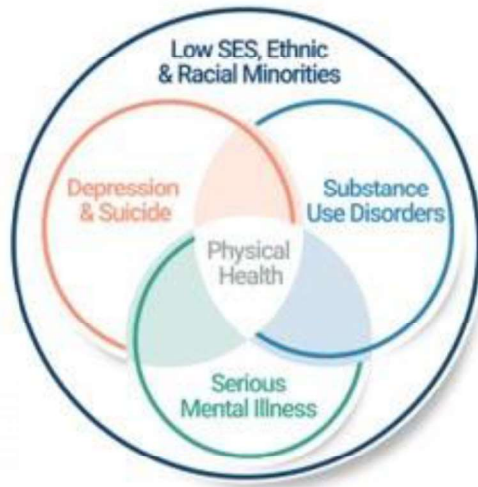
# Center of Excellence for Building Capacity in Nursing Facilities to Care for Residents with Behavioral Health Conditions

- ***New technical assistance center***
- <https://nursinghomebehavioralhealth.org/>
- The purpose of this program is to establish a training and technical assistance center that serves as a national center of excellence to build capacity that supports focused resource development and dissemination, training and technical assistance, and workforce development to staff in nursing facilities who serve individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI), Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED), Substance Use Disorders (SUD), or Co-occurring Disorder (COD).
- <https://nursinghomebehavioralhealth.org/>

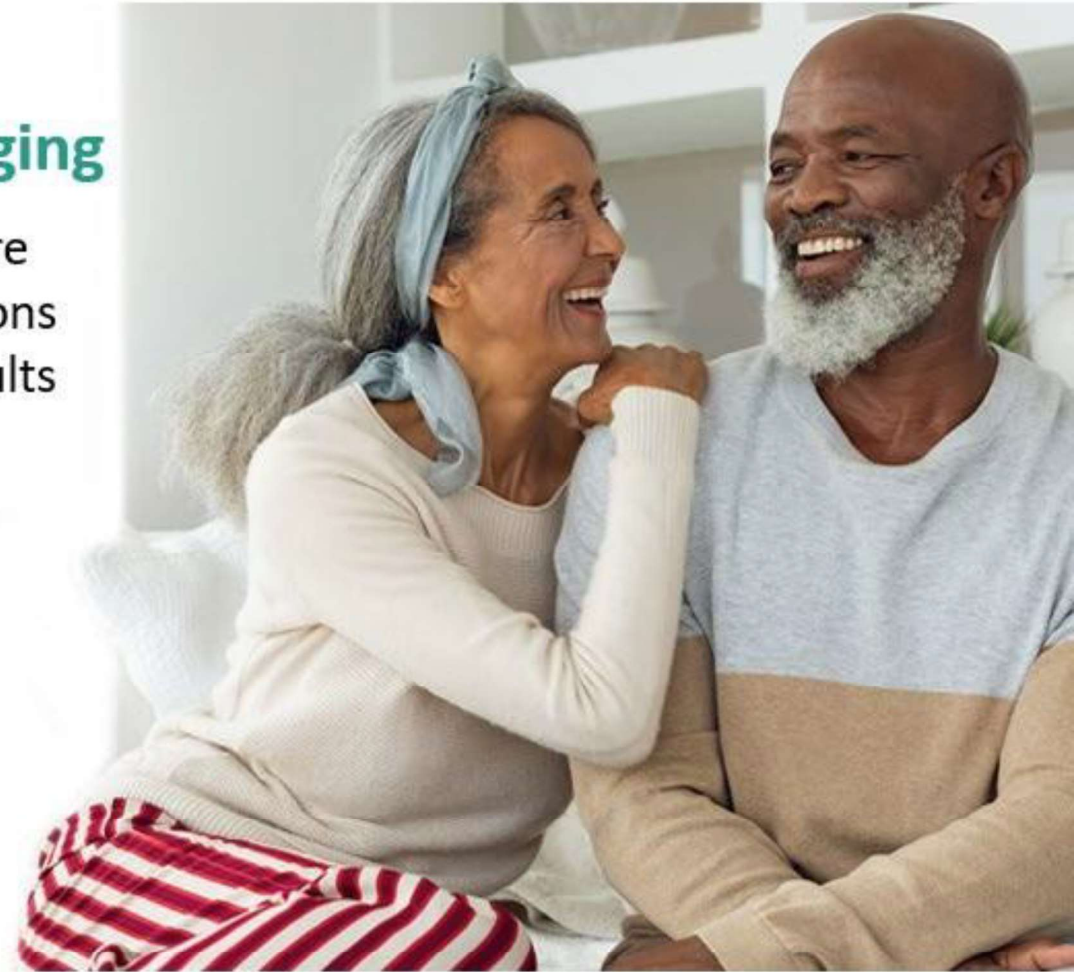


## E4 Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Disparities in Aging

**Engage, Empower, and Educate** health care providers and community-based organizations for **Equity** in behavioral health for older adults and their families across the US.



**SAMHSA**  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Services Administration



To learn more, please visit [e4center.org](https://e4center.org)

 RUSH



# Older Adults In Crisis: Call Center Resources

Online educational modules developed for 988 and crisis call center staff



The introduction of the new 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline allows for a number that is easy to remember and easy to dial. As such, it is expected that calls will continue to increase, including calls by older adults and their family caregivers. Thus, call center staff must be prepared to understand and meet the needs of older adult callers.

## Modules available online:

- Ageism
- Anxiety & Depression
- Cognition
- Older Adult Life & Health
- Substance Use
- Suicide

## Each 15 minute module includes:

- Key information for crisis call center staff about unique aspects of older adult mental health and substance use
- Recommendations for addressing common issues
- A handy reference sheet for future use
- Resources to learn more

**Access modules here:**  
<https://www.catch-onlearn.com>



**Free continuing education is available for psychologists and social workers who complete all six modules.**



Register here:  
<https://www.catch-onlearn.com>

Learn more here:  
<https://bit.ly/MHcertificate>



## Foundational Competencies in Older Adult Mental Health Online Certificate Program



The growing population of older adults presents a unique opportunity for mental health professionals to expand clinical practice and experience deeply meaningful clinical work.

The E4 Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Disparities in Aging, in partnership with CATCH-ON, the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program based at Rush, and the Rush Center for Excellence in Aging invite you to complete this Foundational Competencies in Older Adult Mental Health Online Certificate Program as a first step in developing competency in older adult mental health.

### What is included?

- 16 hours of content where each module, geared towards licensed mental health clinicians, uses Pikes Peak geropsychology competencies as a foundation
  - Modules include didactic content, videos of geriatric mental health experts, case vignettes, learning checks, and resources to enhance clinical practice with older adults
- Continuing education credits (CE/CNE/CME) for licensed clinicians are available for a modest fee
- Completion of all modules will earn learners a certificate of completion from the Council of Professional Geropsychology Training Programs

Topics covered in this program each focus on the unique issues for older adults:

- Attitudes about older adults and aging
- Adult development
- Depression
- Suicide
- Anxiety
- Trauma and PTSD
- Substance use
- Psychopharmacology
- Cognition
- Common life issues
- End of life and grief
- Practice Issues
- Ethics
- Serious Mental Illness

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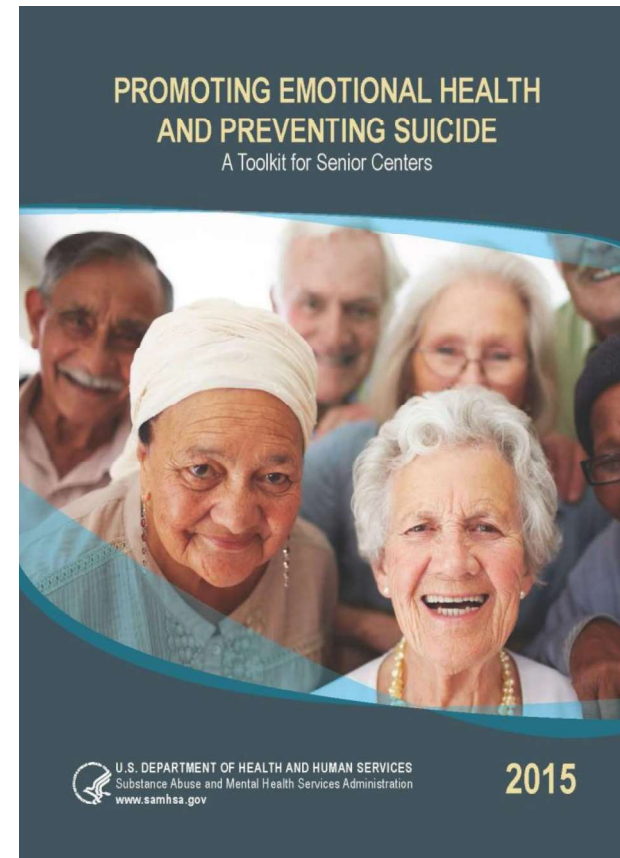
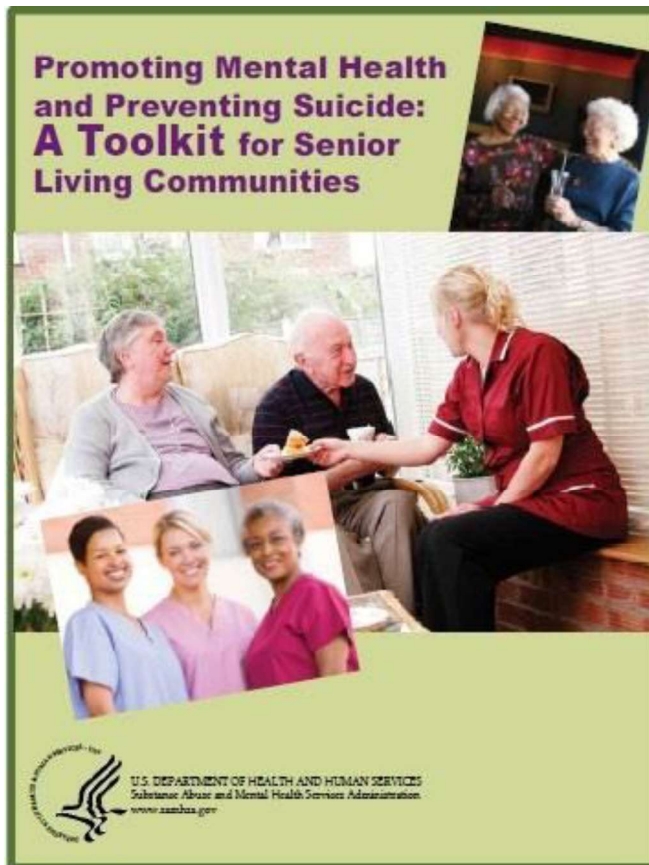
## Additional SAMHSA Resources



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- [www.store.samhsa.gov](http://www.store.samhsa.gov) / Or call [877.726.4767](tel:877.726.4767)



# Suicide Prevention Toolkits





# Resources in Promoting Emotional Health and Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for Senior Centers

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### Information Form for Behavioral Health Resources

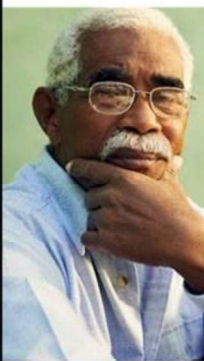
Name of Organization/Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- Do you currently provide services for older adults (ages 65+) with:  
 Mental health issues \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
 Substance use problems \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- Are you able to take new clients that we would refer to you? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- Do you accept health insurance? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No  
 If yes, check all that apply: \_\_\_\_ Medicare \_\_\_\_ Medicaid \_\_\_\_ Private insurance \_\_\_\_ Other
- What counseling and/or treatment programs do you provide?
- What support groups do you provide?
- Would you be available for consultation with our senior center staff about behavioral health issues?
- What services could you provide at our senior center, for example:  
 \_\_\_\_ Screening  
 \_\_\_\_ Counseling  
 \_\_\_\_ Support groups  
 \_\_\_\_ Speakers/trainings/classes for: \_\_\_\_ Staff \_\_\_\_ Participants  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_

## Tool 2: Assessment Checklist

### Promoting Emotional Health and Preventing Suicide

Questions	Yes	No	Don't Know	Rating
For each question, circle the answer that best matches your current situation.				
<b>Getting Started</b>				
Do your staff members and volunteers know what factors may increase the risk of suicide among older adults?	Yes	No	Don't Know	Grade
Do you have a list of the behavioral health contacts in your community?	Yes	No	Don't Know	
<b>Promote Emotional Health</b>				
Do you offer a variety of activities that promote intellectual, creative, spiritual, and physical well-being?	Yes	No	Don't Know	Score
Do you offer programs designed to promote social networks and community building?	Yes	No	Don't Know	
<b>Recognize and Respond to Suicide Risk</b>				
Have your staff and volunteers been	Yes	No	Don't Know	Score



### Fact Sheet 2: Know the Warning Signs of Suicide

Have you ever heard someone make these statements? Have you thought them yourself?

- "They'd be better off without me."
- "Don't worry. I won't be here to bother you much longer."
- "I can't deal with it any more. Life is too hard."
- "I no longer want to live."
- "Death seems like the only way out."

Do either of the following descriptions sound like your neighbor, a friend, or yourself?

- The person has been drinking more than usual. He or she doesn't think life has any purpose now that his or her spouse is gone. He or she yells at food servers or other senior center staff for taking too long.
- The person has stopped coming to exercise class. He or she paces around at night, unable to sleep. He or she reports feeling hopeless and that nothing in life will ever improve.

Know the warning signs of suicide.

The following three warning signs suggest that a person could be at immediate risk of suicide:

- Talking about wanting to die or to kill oneself
  - Looking for a way to kill oneself, such as searching online or obtaining a gun
  - Talking about feeling hopeless or having no reason to live
- Other behaviors that may also indicate a serious risk – especially if the behavior is new, has increased, and/or seems related to a painful event, loss, or change:
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
  - Talking about being a burden to others
  - Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
  - Acting anxious or agitated, behaving recklessly
  - Sleeping too little or too much
  - Withdrawing or feeling isolated
  - Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
  - Displaying extreme mood swings

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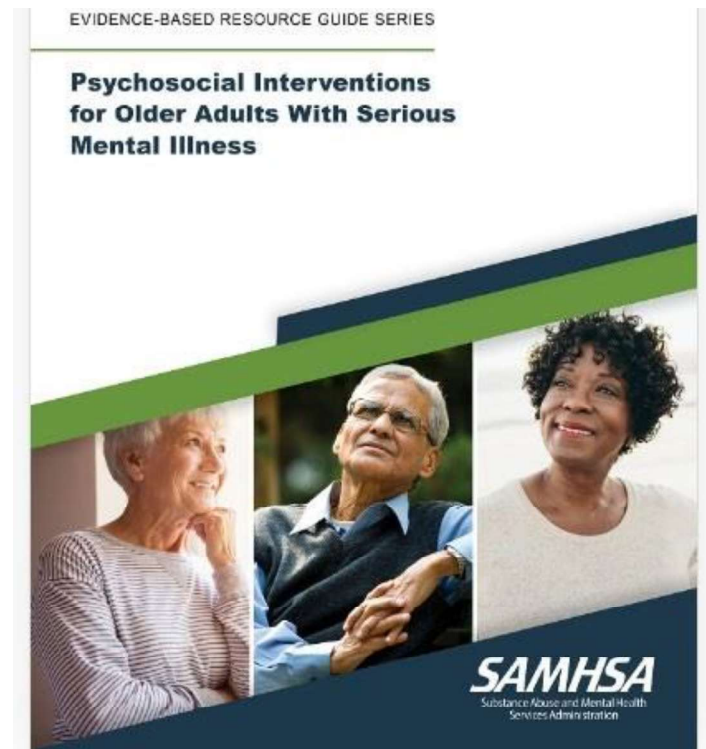
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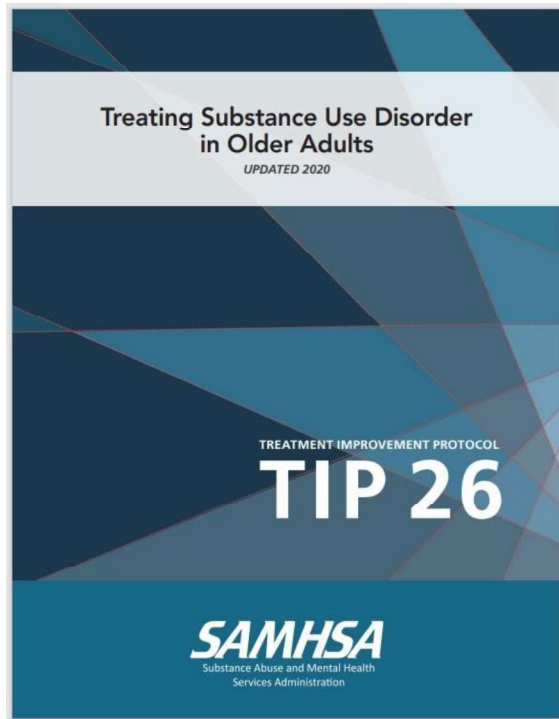
# Psychosocial Interventions for Older Adults with Serious Mental Illness

- The guide provides considerations and strategies for interdisciplinary teams and policy makers in understanding, selecting, and implementing evidence-based interventions that support older adults with serious mental illness.
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/resource/ebp/psychosocial-interventions-older-adults-serious-mental-illness>



# Opioids and Substance Use: Toolkit for Improving Practice (TIP)

## Revised TIP 26: *Treating Addiction in Older Adults*



- TIPs are guidelines to ensure provision of the best evidence-based treatments for substance use disorders
- Each TIP conveys current, relevant information in an accessible, user-friendly, toolkit format
- Each TIP has 5-10 core documents, roughly 10-20 pages in length, that can be used individually or in conjunction with one another

<https://store.samhsa.gov/product/treatment-improvement-protocol-tip-26-treating-substance-use-disorder-in-older-adults/PEP20-02-01-011>



## Additional SAMHSA Materials for Professionals Serving Older Adults



- [Resources for Older Adults](#)
- [Engage, Educate, and Empower for Equity: E4 Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Disparities in Aging](#)
- [Psychosocial Interventions for Older Adults With Serious Mental Illness](#)
- [Get Connected Toolkit](#)
- [Growing Older: Providing Integrated Care for an Aging Population](#) – SAMHSA-HRSA
- [Good Mental Health is Ageless](#) – brochure

<https://www.samhsa.gov/resources-serving-older-adults>



# ***Thank You***

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# Schoharie County Office for the Aging

Responding after Hurricane  
Irene and Tropical Storm Lee



# Hurricane Irene

- On August 28, 2011 rain from Hurricane Irene fell at record levels, more than 13 inches within 30 hours, in the Catskill Mountains. Rushing water quickly flowed out of the mountains, flooding creeks, reservoirs and dams beyond recorded historic levels. Water overflowed the Gilboa reservoir and flowed over the dam at twice the cubic feet per second of Niagara Falls. About ten days later Tropical Storm Lee poured a record rainfall on an already saturated valley bringing additional flooding and destruction.





The Schoharie Valley sustained severe damage due to these storms, generating widespread devastation of momentous proportion in this rural part of New York State. The hurricanes high winds and floods disrupted communities in the Schoharie Basin, leaving in its path disarray and turmoil.



Homes, businesses and farms were leveled.







Roads, bridges, crops and livestock were decimated. The damage and upheaval for these communities was, and is, incomprehensible and profoundly devastating to this region.

The sheer sense of loss, despair and helplessness temporarily paralyzed the region and its residents throughout the Schoharie Basin.

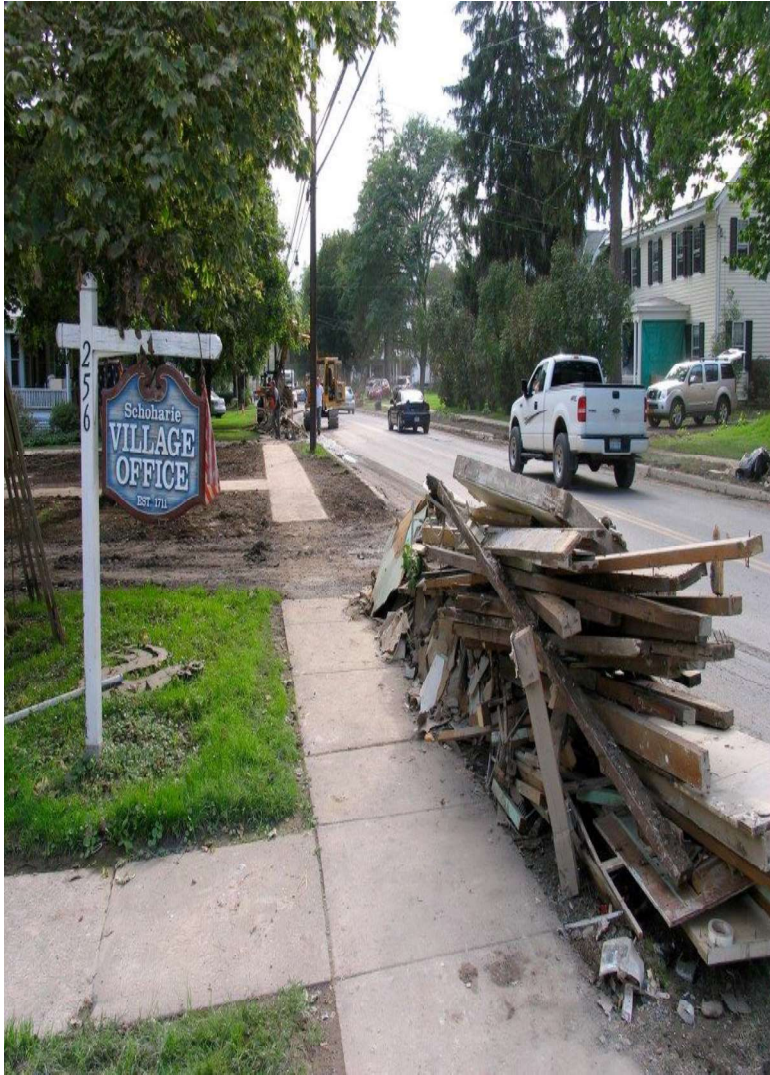




While only a small percentage of the Village of Esperance was flooded, the area that was flooded experienced the highest level of destruction as 23 homes were washed away on Priddle Camp Road.







The villages of Prattsville and Schoharie were among the most damaged, with roughly 90% of all village structures sustaining major damage.







Fortunately, we were assisted by many organizations including the National Guard, The Red Cross, SALT, FEMA, the “Green Shirts” (Lutheran Disaster relief teams) and so many generous local businesses and families.





Best Practice Strategy:  
Working with our local Office of  
Emergency Services, we developed  
the Evacuation Registration form.



## SCHOHARIE COUNTY VOLUNTARY EVACUATION REGISTRATION

(This information will be used to assist residents with access and functional needs in an emergency situation.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Village/Town/City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Fire District (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ TDD/TDY (for hearing impaired) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Mailing Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
Person to Contact in an Emergency \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Check applicable medical conditions:

- ☐ Walk unassisted  
☐ Walk with Walker  
☐ Walk with Cane  
☐ Wheelchair  
☐ Motorized Wheelchair  
☐ Confined to Bed  
☐ Intellectual/Cognitive Disability  
☐ Legally Blind  
☐ Hearing-impaired  
☐ Speech-impaired  
☐ Deaf  
☐ Deaf/Blind  
☐ Mental Health  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Check any of the following that apply:

- ☐ Respirator  
☐ Insulin Pump or ☐ Needles  
☐ Feeding Tube  
☐ 24-hr caregiver  
☐ Oxygen  
☐ Have an oxygen machine  
☐ Have a portable oxygen tank  
☐ Dialysis  
☐ IV Fluids  
☐ Suction Unit  
☐ Subscribe to Lifeline  
☐ On Prescription Meds  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Accommodations required:

- ☐ Need ASL Interpreter  
☐ Need Language Interpreter - Specify \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Reads Braille  
☐ Uses Service Animal  
☐ Needs Accessible Transportation: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Specialist (if under his/her care) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Health Care Provider \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember to take your prescription medications with you when you evacuate.

### Evacuation Requirements

- If I have to evacuate I will go to: ☐ Family ☐ Friend ☐ Shelter ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Family/Friend Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Can you get to an evacuation shelter without outside help? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Will a caregiver accompany you to the evacuation shelter? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
What type of transportation will you need? ☐ Standard (car, bus) ☐ Wheelchair Capable ☐ Ambulance  
What pets do you have? ☐ None ☐ Cat ☐ Dog ☐ Bird ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you arranged for someone else to care for your pet(s) if you need to evacuate? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
Will your pet(s) need to be evacuated and sheltered? ☐ Yes ☐ No

I certify all of the above information is correct. I hereby grant permission to Schoharie County Office of Emergency Services to release this information to other emergency response agencies for evacuation and sheltering purposes only.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return registration to: Schoharie County Office of Emergency Services  
Voluntary Evacuation Registry  
2783 State Route 7, Suite 1  
Cableskill, NY 12043

Questions?



# Join us for our next webinars:

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## **Information and Communications Technology (ICT) During and After Disasters**

Wednesday September 13, 2023 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM

Registration: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/commisaid/event/registration.html>

## **Lunch and Learn: Expanding Mitigation - Making the Connection To Older Adults**

Wednesday September 20, 2023 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Registration: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/provider-ready-workshop/event/registration.html>

## **Scams Targeting Older Adults Before, During and After Disasters**

Wednesday September 27, 2023 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Registration: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/scamsoldadults/event/registration.html>

# 2023 NJ CERT Workshop Passaic County

Saturday, October 7, 2023  
West Macopin High School, 67 Highlander Dr., West Milford, NJ  
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Register Now! [NJ CERT Workshop Passaic](https://bit.ly/NJCERTWorkshopPassaic)



Join The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM), FEMA Region 2, and Passaic County OEM for a day filled with learning and networking opportunities!

There will be engaging hands-on trainings. Register for AM and PM classes below:

- American Red Cross Shelter Simulation (AM) — <https://bit.ly/arcselteram>
- American Red Cross Shelter Simulation (PM) — <https://bit.ly/arcselterpm>
- Stop the Bleed (AM) — <https://bit.ly/stopbleedam>
- Stop the Bleed (PM) — <https://bit.ly/stopbleedpm>
- Fire Suppression and Narcan (AM) — <https://bit.ly/FiresupNarcanam>
- Fire Suppression and Narcan (PM) — <https://bit.ly/FiresupNarcanpm>
- Access and Functional Needs (AM) — <https://bit.ly/afnam>
- Access and Functional Needs (PM) — <https://bit.ly/Afnpm>

Participate in a Lunch and Learn Round Table Discussion, listen to many notable speakers, and interact with fellow CERT volunteers from across the state!





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