

## TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Western New York Stress Reduction Program, the MMRS Mental Health Subcommittee, the Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team, and the Erie County Department of Mental Health are pleased to announce the following 2-day course:

### GROUP CRISIS INTERVENTION

**Dates:** Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 & Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
**Time:** 8:30am-4:30pm both days  
**Location:** Erie County Fire Training Academy  
3359 Broadway  
Cheektowaga, New York 14227

This is an International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) developed curriculum. Advantages of attending are:

- Participants will learn how to provide group crisis intervention using proven methods
- Participants will receive a certificate of completion from the ICISF
- Participants will receive continuing education credits from the University of Maryland at Baltimore
- This course is required for persons pursuing the ICISF Certificate of Advanced Training

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To increase awareness of key terms and concepts relevant to the practice of crisis intervention and disaster mental health intervention.
- To become familiar with relevant research findings and recommendations for practice.
- To understand the nature and importance of incident assessment and strategic intervention planning.
- To understand the nature of the “resistance, resilience, recovery” continuum and the role of the integrated, multi-component, Critical Incident Stress Management system (CISM).
- To become familiar with large group crisis interventions:
  - Demobilizations
  - Crisis Management Briefings
- To become familiar with small group crisis interventions:
  - Defusing
  - Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD)
  - Small Group Crisis Management Briefing (sCMB)
- To become familiar with risks of adverse outcome associated with crisis intervention and how to reduce those risks.

**Presenter:** Bonita S. Frazer, MS, CTS, FAAETS is the Mental Health Emergency Planning Coordinator for Western New York. She has experience offering training and providing crisis intervention, psychological first aid, and critical incident stress management services at both a local and national level. She is also a volunteer with the American Red Cross, the Western New York Stress Reduction Program, the Specialized Medical Assistance Response Team, the Canine Therapy Teams of Western New York, and serves as Vice President of the CISM Network of New York State.

**Please do not register if you cannot commit to attending both days in their entirety. Registration is limited to 30 persons. Only persons who are registered by 8:30am and stay until 4:30pm both days will receive credit for the course and a certificate of completion.**

**Lunch will be provided both days.**

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