

Grief, loss and trauma training

Why grief, loss and trauma training?

Many people have been emotionally and physically impacted by the 2010/11 natural disasters across Queensland. Most have moved through the recovery process and have or are moving on. Research has identified that the road to recovery for others in our communities will take longer. This course is designed to support and enhance the skill set of frontline workers and professionals who are working in the longer term with those affected.

Learning outcomes

This **free two-day workshop** is designed to offer an opportunity to explore and better understand the issues that might be faced in providing grief and bereavement support within disaster recovery.

At the conclusion of this workshop participants will be able to:

- Identify the range of issues faced, across the life-span, by people who have been affected by the recent floods and cyclones in Queensland.
- Describe and understand how contemporary grief, loss and trauma theory can be used as a framework for supporting individuals, families and communities affected by the recent natural disasters.
- Understand how to develop a range of appropriate support strategies, based upon contemporary theory and practice in the fields of trauma, grief and bereavement.
- Assist people to identify and utilise effective self-care strategies.
- Identify appropriate referral pathways and access to resources for those experiencing adverse bereavement outcomes following a natural disaster.

Who is delivering the training?

Department of Communities (Community Mental Health) is contracting Jenny Alce to deliver the training. Jenny has post graduate qualifications in grief and trauma and has worked as a counsellor and trainer, specialising in grief and bereavement, with Lifeline for over 15 years. Jenny has worked in palliative care, with families bereaved by suicide, with families who have experienced a stillbirth or miscarriage and with families who have experienced relationship breakdowns due to family and domestic violence.

Who should attend?

Department of Communities (DoC) and DoC funded Non Government Organisation staff. The training is aimed at those who have a professional knowledge of counselling and/or working with people who have been affected by disaster and/or trauma.

Workshop Details

Lunch, training materials, handouts and certificates of participation will be provided

The next session will be held on:

8TH & 9TH MARCH 2012
9.00am to 4.00pm

Department of Communities
Community Capacity & Service Quality
Conference Room
Ground Level
Suite 5B Mt Isa House
Cnr Camooweal and Mary Streets
MT ISA QLD

This training is free, there will be no charge for participants.

How to Register

Places are limited to 25 participants.

As this training is **free** for Department of Communities and DoC funded Non Government Organisation staff, nominations will require authorisation from their executive management. We ask that the executive management staff email Melanie with the details of the nominated staff member including any special needs or dietary requirements that need to be catered for.

We request that nominations are received by **29 FEBRUARY 2012**.

The contact person for this training is

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