



**EAST CENTRAL TASK FORCE
DISASTER & CRISIS RESPONSE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES IN PENNSYLVANIA
FACT SHEET**

DCORT - Disaster Crisis Outreach Referral Team

- County Teams, Mental Health Professionals and Paraprofessionals.
- Contact – County MH/MR, Coordinator.
- Mutual Aid through PEMA to PA Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.
- Major Event: Grants available, Short and Long term, Assessment required, HHS funded.
- **County Behavioral Health Staff and/or volunteers are able to provide immediate crisis counseling and support to general public during and following an event.**

CISM – Critical Incident Stress Management Team

- County or Regional Teams, most serve Emergency Services responders and groups.
- Contact – County Public Service Answering Point (PSAP-911 dispatch centers).
- Mutual Aid through PEMA to Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council.
- Teams recognized by International Critical Incident Stress Foundation.
- **Mental Health Professionals and Emergency Services Peers, mostly volunteers, provide individual and group interventions for responders who have experienced a “critical event”.**

KCIT – Keystone Crisis Intervention Team

- Teams travel statewide to serve victims of crimes.
- Contact – The Office of Victim Advocate.
- Coordinated by – Network of Victim Assistance, PA Comm on Crime and Delinquency.
- **Teams of trained professionals provide crisis intervention services to crime victims and their communities in the aftermath of a traumatic event. Activities include community impact assessment, group and individual interventions, and support to local agencies.**

Schools

- Student Assistance Program members identify the need for resources. Mental Health Professionals, usually from nearby schools, often called “Flights”, respond as requested.

American Red Cross

- Federally mandated to provide assistance to families of victims of transportation disasters.
- Disaster Mental Health Training for Mental Health Professionals.
- Psychological First Aid Training for responders and other volunteers.

Military Resources

Employee Assistance Programs (personal or employer insurance programs)

VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

PPA – Pennsylvania Psychological Association

Faith Based Organizations and Individuals

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