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## **Crisis Intervention Trainings**

*Training Series Tackles Post-Hurricane Stress in Schools*

- Who:** Louisiana State Department of Education, Louisiana State University Health Science Center's Department of Psychiatry and Louisiana Association of United Ways
- What:** Hold "Crisis Intervention in Schools" Training Series designed to inform school and mental health personnel of various indicators of psychological stress due to economic stress, relocation and loss of family members or friends after hurricane devastation.
- There are two training days: **day one for mental-health personnel** (social workers, psychologists, etc.) and **day two for school-based personnel and community liaisons** (teachers, administrators, etc.).
- Where:** **Central Lafourche High School**  
**4820 Highway 1**  
**Raceland, LA 70394**
- When:** *Phases of Traumatic Response for Mental-Health Personnel*  
**Tuesday, May 5**                      *Psychological First Aid for School-Based Personnel and Community Liaisons*  
**Wednesday, May 6**
- \*\*Each session lasts from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**
- Why:** "Crisis Intervention in Schools" provides strategies for school personnel who detect psychological problems to provide assistance for students and their families, including recognizing the need for further professional care. Additionally, it provides mental health professionals the resources they need for dealing with this epidemic.

"Psychological First Aid," the training session for school-based personnel and community liaisons, will provide an overview of trauma in school children and include trauma symptoms, risk factors, protective factors, providing support for parents and kids, and dealing with anger.

The training session for social workers, psychologists, counselors and mental health personnel will include a review of trauma and the psychological first aid, as well as phases of traumatic response, transition and recovery models/interventions, post traumatic growth models/interventions and StArT, FOCUS, CBITS and HATS.

LSUHSC presenters will include psychologists, social workers and psychiatrists from the Department of Psychiatry. **There is no cost to attend. To register for the trainings, visit the Louisiana Department of Education's Coursewhere link at [www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/main.asp](http://www.solutionwhere.com/ldoe/cw/main.asp)**

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