

Recognizing and Responding to Persons with Mental Illness

Who Should Attend?

First responders, dispatchers, police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, hospital staff, school staff, EMS, school police officers and those professionals that come in contact with persons with mental illness.

Location:

Available by **ZOOM**
or in-person at

**Dickinson County
Courthouse
109 E. 1st Street
Abilene, KS 67410**

Time: 8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Choose One Date:

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024

or

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024

Fee: FREE

Certificates of attendance will be distributed at the end of the training. EMS pre-approved CEU's.

**Mental Health America of
the Heartland**

Overview: This training will give participants an overview of mental illness and help them to interact more effectively with persons with mental illness.

Course Objectives: Upon the completion of this training, the participant will be able to:

1. Use communication techniques — including de-escalation— when interacting with persons with mental illness,
2. Recognize characteristics of the major mental illnesses (anxiety, schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder) and how these mental illnesses occur especially during crisis,
3. Distinguish between facts and fallacies associated with various diverse groups,
4. Identify the more commonly prescribed medications and side-effects,
5. Describe state and local community resources for mental health,
6. Understand the role police officers have in the involuntary commitment process,
7. Describe the Kansas suicide rates amongst veterans,
8. Identify helpful local, rural, and frontier programs for veterans.



Register by Nov. 26, 2024: Click the link with your preference of date:

Tues., Dec. 3, 2024: <https://mhah.salsalabs.org/12-3-2024>

or

Wed., Dec. 4, 2024: <https://mhah.salsalabs.org/12-4-2024>

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