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Psychologists for Social Responsibility
and
The Disaster Mental Health Institute
at the University of South Dakota

present:

Exploring Difficult Questions in International Humanitarian Assistance

A workshop to examine current field
practices and discuss lessons learned.

August 16-17, 2005

University of the District of Columbia
4200 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

We invite professionals interested in the field of disaster mental health, workers with international humanitarian field experience, and those preparing for practice to join us for this exciting and informative workshop

Conference Purpose:

During this 2-day interactive workshop we will explore pressing issues relevant to providing mitigation and transition services to communities recovering from war and natural disasters. The conference goal is to present a variety of innovative tools and practices useful to the international field worker that can further build sound, ethical, and culturally-appropriate interventions.

Some of our Objectives:

- Examine the place of psychology in the development of humanitarian fieldwork.
- Examine differences and similarities across various models, assumptions and applications that are common to humanitarian fieldwork.
- Identify the most provocative or controversial topics dominating recent discussions of psychosocial humanitarian fieldwork.
- Generate suggestions for improving the effectiveness and relevance of psychosocial humanitarian fieldwork.

For a complete list of objectives visit
www.psysr.org

Some of the Major Questions we will raise:

- What is the current state of the field?
- What ethical issues are relevant to field work?
- What do we mean by community healing? What practices are used and how effective are they?
- Doing the business of development: What do practitioners need to know about international foreign assistance contracting?

For a complete list of major questions to be discussed visit www.psysr.org

Some of our Faculty:

- Indira Ahluwalia – Development & Training Services, Inc.
- James Bell - Independent Consultant
- Eileen Borris – Alliance for Resilient Communities, Inc.
- Martha Bragin – Alliance for Resilient Communities, Inc.
- Lynne Cripe – USAID
- John Ehrenreich – State University of New York, College at Old Westbury
- Jon Hubbard – Center for Victims of Torture
- Kathleen Kostelny – Erikson Institute
- Raj Kumar - Development Executives, Inc.
- Chris McGahey – International Development Enterprises
- Robert Walsh - Independent Consultant
- Mike Wessells – Christian Children's Fund
- Craig Zelizer – Alliance for Conflict Transformation

CE Credits Available:

We will offer 12 hours of continuing education for psychologists and the equivalent amount of CE credit hours for physicians and social workers. Credits will only be given to participants who attend the entire program.

The Disaster Mental Health Institute at the University of South Dakota is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Disaster Mental Health Institute maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Cost for Full Workshop:

(includes breakfast and lunch for both days)

- Professionals: \$150
(plus \$25 CE fee)
- Students: \$100

A few scholarships are available for those needing financial assistance in order to attend.

Registration Information:

Registration is on a first come basis. Space is limited.

Please join us by completing the attached registration form with your check or VISA information.

Registration forms can be downloaded from www.psysr.org

Information about transportation, housing, the University's location, outside activities and opportunities for sightseeing will be disseminated to those who plan to attend. We are seeking affordable housing options.

Workshop Steering Committee:

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