



Friday, February 24, 2017
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Disaster Preparedness and Response

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The February 2017 Disaster Preparedness and Response workshop, provided through the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, seeks to raise awareness among participants of the importance of social work involvement in the four phases of the disaster planning cycle: Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation. Disaster planning considerations and action steps that are applicable at the individual and organizational levels will be discussed as the session explores both the theoretical framework that guides this field and real-world realities.

Alisa West Cahill is a Licensed Social Worker with an administrative specialty. Her academic background includes a B.Sc. in Sociology from Phillips University, an MSW with an emphasis in Administration and Community Practice from the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work at the University of Oklahoma, and coursework toward a MSPH with an emphasis in Global Emergency Preparedness and Response from San Diego State University. She has also completed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

Cahill has been practicing Social Work for >15 years with the majority of her career dedicated to work with, or on the behalf of, individuals and families living in poverty and/or experiencing homelessness. During this time, Cahill served on a team tasked with improving disaster readiness among U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care communities. She has provided disaster planning technical assistance to housing and homeless service organizations and collaborated on the development of a variety of related resources, including a Directory of Disaster Response and Recovery Resources, of which she served as lead researcher and author.

Cahill is currently employed as the Lead Organizer for the Knee Center Positive Aging Initiative, located within the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work at the University of Oklahoma and is also a Policy Fellow with the Network for Social Work Management.

David R. Grizzle is currently employed by the City of Norman Oklahoma as the Emergency Management Coordinator and is also an active member of the U.S. Army Reserves. He completed a Bachelor of Science degree from Mid-America Bible College in Management and Ethics and has an Associate degree in Applied Sciences from Vincennes University. His military education includes

completion of the Signal Officers Basic and Advance Course, Command and General Staff College, and numerous other military programs.

David's background in emergency operations comes from fifteen years of assignment to the Oklahoma Military Department Office of Military Support as a Plans and Operations Officer and current employment with the City of Norman as the Emergency Management Coordinator. David was awarded the State of Oklahoma Certified Emergency Manager designation in 2005. He has completed the requirements to be a trainer in various emergency management areas including the Citizen's Emergency Response Team and the National Incident Management System-Incident Command System. David is also an amateur radio operator.

CEU's Level 1: You will receive three Continuing Education credits for attending this event.

Location: The Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, 700 Elm Avenue, JJ Rhyne Community Room, Norman Oklahoma.

Cost: Professional Rate \$30.00 and a special student rate of \$10.00.



Refreshments and snacks will be provided

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