

Disaster Mental Health Biographical Statement

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Sandra is a psychotherapist, clinical supervisor and trainer at The Family & Children's Society in Binghamton New York. Her focus is on anxiety disorders in adults. She is a volunteer for the American Red Cross Southern Tier New York Chapter where she is the Disaster Mental Health Lead and a certified American Red Cross trainer. She was one of the first Disaster Mental Health responders to 911 in New York City and has worked on numerous local and state disasters, Coordinating the local and National Disaster Mental Health response to the 2006 New York flood. She trained over 200 volunteers for Hurricane Katrina/Rita. Sandra is co director of the Center for Disaster Mental Health and a member of the NGO Committee on Mental Health in consultative relationship with the United Nations and serves on the Disaster Mental Health subcommittee. She is an adjunct instructor for the Binghamton University.

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Brian is the Director of Admissions and Student Services with the Department of Social Work at Binghamton University. Clinically, he has experience as a psychotherapist and emergency room social worker. He is a member of the Disaster Mental Health Team of the American Red Cross Southern Tier Chapter and helped to provide support following the September 11th attacks and trained over 200 volunteers for Hurricane Katrina/Rita. Brian traveled to Thailand providing follow-up support after the 2004 Tsunami in Southeast Asia. He has recently been appointed to the United Nations NGO subcommittee on Disaster Mental Health. Brian is co-director of the Center for Disaster Mental Health. The Center provides a continuing education certificate program and acts as a clearing house for information and training in disaster mental health. He is also an instructor with Binghamton University.