



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Lessons Learned by Behavioral Healthcare Organizations  
That Have Survived Disasters

### OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this training, the participant should be able to:

- Identify common themes in the challenges behavioral health organizations faced in dealing with emergency situations
- Outline and better anticipate the types of disasters (man-made and natural) that can – and have – created problems for behavioral healthcare organizations
- Identify ways that the participant's organization – and community – can prepare to address the needs of patients with psychiatric and addictive disorders when disaster hits
- Identify strategies to consider in developing plans to speed return to business as usual following a disaster.

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