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## NEWS RELEASE

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**NAPHS OFFERS COMPACT DISC TRAINING ON  
“LESSONS LEARNED BY BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS  
THAT HAVE SURVIVED DISASTERS”**

(Washington, D.C., December 17, 2009)... To help psychiatric and addiction treatment staffs jump-start the emergency operations plan required by The Joint Commission, the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) is offering a special two-hour training on compact disc about **“Emergency Preparedness: Lessons Learned by Behavioral Healthcare Organizations That Have Survived Disasters.”**

This training **focuses specifically on the concerns of behavioral health providers.** It provides an opportunity to hear real-life stories from behavioral healthcare organization leaders – and the unexpected lessons learned about the challenges of planning for, living through, and recovering from disasters of all types. Their practical advice can help you get ahead of the curve so that you – and your community – are fully prepared to address the needs of your patients with psychiatric and addictive disorders when disaster hits. Get ideas to help you have the right plans in place to speed your return to business as usual. Learn what FEMA training can do for you and get examples of lessons learned from dealing with H1N1, fires, floods, hurricanes, and other challenging scenarios.

This faculty includes leaders from hospitals and residential treatment programs throughout the United States, including The Institute of Living: Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT; Phoenix Care Systems, Inc., Milwaukee, WI; Prairie St. Johns, Fargo, ND; Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, Gulfport, MS; and Shands Vista, Shands Healthcare at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. The moderator is **Kathleen McCann, RN, PhD, NAPHS** director of clinical and regulatory affairs.

Along with the CD, the faculty members provide resources you can use to prepare for listening to the CD and also use for further discussion within your organization.

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

The cost of the two-hour CD is \$250 (or \$175 for NAPHS members). American Express, MasterCard, and Visa are accepted.

To order online, go to [www.naphs.org/catalog/admin/emergencypreparedness.html](http://www.naphs.org/catalog/admin/emergencypreparedness.html) or call 202/393-6700, ext. 106.

### **ABOUT NAPHS**

NAPHS advocates for behavioral health and represents provider systems that are committed to the delivery of responsive, accountable, and clinically effective prevention, treatment, and care for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults with mental and substance use disorders. Its members are behavioral healthcare provider organizations that own or manage more than 600 specialty psychiatric hospitals, general hospital psychiatric and addiction treatment units and behavioral healthcare divisions, residential treatment facilities, youth services organizations, and extensive outpatient networks. The association was founded in 1933.

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