



An award-winning
12-hour course
developed to help
the community understand
& support people with
a mental health issue

2009 Courses:

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Mental Health *First Aid:*

working with people with mental health issues

What is Mental Health First Aid?

First Aid is the help given to an injured person before medical treatment can be obtained. Mental Health First Aid is the help given to someone developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves.

Why Mental Health First Aid training?

There are many reasons why people need MHFA:

- mental health problems are common
- there is stigma associated with mental health problems
- many people do not recognise mental health problems
- professional help is not always available
- many people do not know how to help

Course content

The course, broken into 4 x 3-hour modules, covers helping people in mental health crisis situations and/or in the early stages of mental health problems.

Crisis situations covered are:

- Suicidal behaviours
- Acute stress reaction
- Panic attacks
- Acute psychotic behaviour

Mental health problems covered are:

- Depression
- Anxiety disorders
- Schizophrenia
- Bipolar disorder

Participants will learn the signs & symptoms of these mental health problems, how to respond in crisis situations and where and how to get help. The course also helps to dispel some of the myths and stigma surrounding mental illness.

Who should attend?

This course will benefit all members of the community, and in particular - teachers, police, nurses, case managers, social welfare staff, support workers and employment agency staff, as well as business and local government employees.

Cost: MHACA members \$70 / Non-members \$80 / Concession \$50

Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm each day (lunch not included)

Venue: Coolibah Function Room, Alice Springs Resort (East side of carpark, next to Fountain Court Rooms)

Registration: Applications close one week prior to each workshop and are accepted on a first in, first serve basis.

For more info: Contact Rita Riedel, Training & Promotions Officer, MHACA on (08) 8950 4613 or email rita.riedel@mhaca.org.au.

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Mental Health First Aid Registration Form 2009

Tax Invoice
ABN 91 804 704 259

This registration will become a Tax Invoice/receipt on payment

2009 Course dates (please check availability prior to booking):

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Participant details:

First name: _____ Surname: _____
Organisation: _____
Position/Title: _____
Address: _____
Code: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile: _____
Email: _____

Payment details:

- MHACA member: \$70 Non-member \$80 Concession \$50
If a non-member, would you like to receive information about MHACA & membership? Yes No

Please forward tax invoice for above amount to above address OR

Enclosed is my payment of \$_____ Please indicate method of payment below:

- Direct deposit to:* Mental Health Association of Central Australia
BSB: 633 000
Account No: 1196-89974
Bank: Bendigo Bank, Fountain Court, Bendigo
Reference: Use your Surname & date of MHFA training as reference
Confirmation: Send email to rita.riedel@mhaca.org.au to confirm details of your deposit

Cheque or Money Order (make payable to Mental Health Association of Central Australia)

To book fax this form to:

Rita Riedel @ MHACA - fax (08) 8953 5577

And if pay by cheque send to:

Finance Officer: MHACA
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