



# PEC ACTIVITIES REPORT 2016

Visit the APA Health Center at [www.apa.org/helpcenter](http://www.apa.org/helpcenter)



AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

## Training

- Georgia DRN committee member, Dr. Betsy Gard, attended a National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Training Session on Airport Disasters and was a featured speaker at the ATL Airport Disaster Response & Family Assistance Seminar. Dr. Gard also attended a planning meeting for potential hazardous spills and a Pandemic Training Session on May 20th
- Maine's DRN Coordinator Dr. Fred White, PhD taught a Red Cross Care and Condolence Team class. In addition, Maine hosted multi-agency drills: Active Shooter Exercise and Portland Jetport Aviation Disaster Exercise. DRN member, Dr. Lisa Livshin, EdD, coordinated efforts to work at the Boston Marathon and members attended the Boston Athletic Association 2016 Boston Marathon Medical Symposium to review logistics, treatment of runners and planning in the event of a disaster.
- New Jersey held an Institute for Training covering Disaster Mental Health course, a two day program to train the volunteers in the other sections of Red Cross work. In addition, a Fundamentals of Sheltering course was taught to mental health providers who volunteer in shelters in times of disaster. This is a special course taught in New Jersey to provide cross training of ARC-DMH and the DRCC (Disaster Response Crisis Counselors).
- Texas completed a series of trainings across the state for High Consequence Infectious Disease. Contributions focused on the behavioral health response as well as ethical decision making in an environment of multiple ethical constructs. Developed through the Texas Psychological Association (TPA) Disaster Response Network (DRN) participation in the state's Disaster Behavioral Health consortium, four of the five presenters are also on the TPA/DRN committee.