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Psychologists’ Association of Alberta

Disaster Response Network (PAA DRN)

The PAA DRN targets the psychological well-being/mental health needs of disaster victims and responders who are involved in disasters with particular focus on serving those who have suffered trauma as a result of a disaster.

We provide psychological/mental health services primarily during the recovery phase of the disaster, and psychologists who have signed-up for the DRN will not generally be called upon to attend at the site of the disaster[[1]](#footnote-1).

Our DRN volunteers are all registered member psychologists and/or provisional psychologists who have agreed to provide pro-bono short term (2-3 sessions) trauma counseling services upon referrals from the PAA office.

Victims of disasters and responders can access this service by calling the PAA office. The office provides the caller two or three names from the PAA DRN volunteer list and the psychologists should expect to hear directly from the client or a referring agency who has called the PAA on behalf of the client.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed to require either the PAA itself or its members to engage in any conduct that either the PAA or its members reasonably believe is inconsistent with their obligations to the College of Alberta Psychologists.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed to prohibit psychologists and/or provisional psychologists to continue seeing a client referred by the DRN on a fee-for-service basis after three pro-bono sessions have been provided.

 The PAA assumes no liability for any of the psychological services provided pursuant to this Agreement, regardless of how or when or by what means those services are provided. Participants are required to carry their own liability insurance. Nor does the PAA warrant or guarantee the availability of any particular psychological services, or their quality.

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**PAA DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK**

**Please return to** **paa@paa-ab.ca** **or by fax (780) 423-4048 or 1-888-423-4048 (toll-free)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Job Title/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (for referrals): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (es): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[if more than one, specify reasoning/use]

Languages in which services are or can be offered: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College of Alberta Psychologists Registration No.:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I carry liability insurance to practice independently (i.e., separately from an employer policy):
Yes 🞎 No 🞎

I have had training and experience in dealing with trauma victims Yes 🞎 No 🞎

If yes, please describe:

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Yes, I am interested in providing pro-bono short-term (2-3 sessions) counseling as part of the PAA DRN Network. This would be specifically for:

All ages\_\_\_\_ Adolescents\_\_\_\_ Adults\_\_\_\_ Children\_\_\_\_ Families\_\_\_\_ Couples \_\_\_\_

I agree to provide volunteer services as indicated above on a pro-bono basis. I authorize the PAA to release the information from this application to municipal and provincial organizations coordinating disaster services.

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 Signature Date

[electronic signatures accepted when sent from the email address on your PAA membership file]

Approvals by Dr Judi L Malone, PAA CEO, R. Psych (AB)

1. A disaster is an occurrence such as a hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, volcanic eruption, drought, blizzard, pestilence, famine, fire, explosion, building collapse, transportation accident, or other situation that causes human suffering or creates human needs that the victims cannot alleviate without assistance [↑](#footnote-ref-1)