



International Disaster Psychology

An Overview...

International Disaster Psychology is an area of specialization in psychology dealing with natural and man-made disaster situations and complex emergencies. International disaster psychology increases the level of awareness and understanding of issues involved in a disaster, including: genocide, refugee mental health, and bioterrorism.

Skills:

Exhibit strong interpersonal communication skills and a sensitivity to others

Ability to interpret research, as well as organize and interpret data

Adaptable and flexible

Compassionate and able to observe and analyze, as well as evaluate problems experienced by a wide range of individuals

Ability to mediate and respond to trauma and disasters

Some Professional Careers:

Case manager

Childcare worker

Clinical psychologist

Community worker

Data analyst

Disaster health researcher

Domestic response specialist

Epidemiologist

Family/refugee counselor

Hospital administrator

Lawyer

Mediator

Mental health worker

Physician

Psychiatric nurse

Psychiatrist

Psychologist

Psychometrist

Psychopharmacologist

Researcher

Social community planner

Social worker

Sociologist

Statistician

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