

Rice County Mental Health Awareness Training



With support from more than 25 local partners, the Rice County Chemical & Mental Health Coalition has been awarded federal funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) through the Mental Health Awareness Training (MHAT) program. This federal grant provides three years of funding, October 2018 - September 2021.

The Rice County MHAT initiative aims to:

- Increase the availability of and capacity to deliver culturally and developmentally appropriate evidence-based mental health training programs across Rice County
- Establish stronger referral systems for youth and adults in need of mental health treatment and services
- Build upon the existing Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training program by providing opportunities for individuals working with youth to be trained and recertified
- Train more individuals working with adults who may be facing mental or chemical health issues through the Adult MHFA training program. Fourteen new Adult MHFA instructors were recently certified to offer these trainings locally
- Offer Adult MHFA and YMHFA in Spanish, and explore the adaptation of the trainings for the Somali community
- Offer Adult MHFA trainings tailored to veterans and their families, as well as college students in Rice County
- Offer Crisis Intervention Team training to law enforcement, emergency services and providers to help them support someone in a mental health crisis

Over the next three years, hundreds of local community members will be able to take part in free, evidence-based mental health-related training.

Nearly 100 individuals trained already!

Questions?

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