



Vibrant Emotional Health To Bring Its Disaster Behavioral Health Symposium To Washington, D.C. This May

Back for its third year, Vibrant's flagship event moves offline and to the nation's capital to discuss the state of disaster behavioral health

New York, NY April 10, 2023 – Vibrant Emotional Health (Vibrant), the nonprofit administrator of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, and other crucial mental health services and programs will celebrate *The Power of Community and Connection in Disaster Behavioral Health Response* at its Annual Symposium in Washington, D.C. at American University, May 24-26, 2023.

The 2023 Vibrant Symposium will gather nonprofit, government, faith-based and spiritual leaders, first responders, mental health professionals, students, the general public, and more, to discuss how intentional partnerships support those recovering from and responding to emergencies and other crises. Keynotes include Marcus T. Coleman, Director of DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Olivia Stein, Director of Videophone Crisis Line Services at DeafLEAD, and Dr. Joshua Morganstein, Deputy Director of Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress at Uniformed Services University.

"We understand that our response to crisis and trauma plays a significant role in a person's ability to heal and recover," said Kimberly Williams, President and CEO of Vibrant Emotional Health. "The work of both Vibrant's Crisis Emotional Care Team and the Disaster Distress Helpline, administered by Vibrant, focuses on ensuring that all individuals, survivors, responders, and communities have access to the resources they need to cope and an equal opportunity to recover, when and how they need it. The Disaster Behavioral Health Symposium will bring together organizations and individuals with this same mission, to share learnings and best practices, and raise awareness of the importance of disaster mental health."

Vibrant's annual symposium begins on Wednesday, May 24, with an opening address from Vibrant leadership and a networking dinner. On Thursday and Friday, attendees can expect a variety of dynamic presentations that will share lessons learned from the field and highlight the importance of collaboration across sectors, including government agencies, organizations, and associations, when addressing disaster

response. This year's program will also feature discussions on the impact of climate change on disaster behavioral health, workforce protection, and managing burnout.

The 2023 Symposium will provide a stage for members of the disaster behavioral health community to engage and share first-hand experiences with attendees, and leave them with concrete solutions, tools, and approaches to create positive change in their communities.

To see the full program and register for Vibrant's 2023 Disaster Behavioral Health Symposium, visit vibrantsymposium.info/.

Exhibitor and sponsor opportunities are also available. To learn more, [click here](#) or email crisiseotionalcare@vibrant.org.

About Vibrant Emotional Health

For over 50 years, Vibrant Emotional Health has been at the forefront of promoting emotional well-being for all people. As leaders, advocates, educators, and innovators in mental health, we have been raising awareness and offering support to everyone who is struggling. We work every single day to help save lives and assist people to get care anytime, anywhere and in any way that works for them. We are unwavering in our belief that everyone can achieve emotional wellness with the right care and support. As part of our work, we administer the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, funded by SAMHSA, which provides 24/7, free, and confidential support for people in emotional distress across the United States. For more information, please visit www.vibrant.org. Follow Vibrant on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).