

Sometimes, first aid isn't
a **bandage**, or **CPR**,
or the **Heimlich**,
or calling **911**.

Sometimes, first aid is **YOU!**

Someone you know could be experiencing
a mental illness or crisis. You can help them.

You are more likely to encounter someone — friend, family member, coworker, neighbor, or member of the community — in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self-help care. Anyone can take the 8-hour Mental Health First Aid course — first responders, students, teachers, leaders of faith communities, human resources professionals, and caring citizens.

Sometimes, the best first aid is you.
Take the course, save a life, strengthen
your community.

**For more information on how to
schedule a Mental Health First
Aid or Youth Mental Health
First Aid Training for your
agency*, please call Nadine
Magana at 209-257-1980 x102
or e-mail to nmagana@nexusyfs.org.**



*minimum of 5 participants needed for each training desired



ALGEE, the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan

- Assess for risk of suicide or harm*
- Listen nonjudgmentally*
- Give reassurance and information*
- Encourage appropriate professional help*
- Encourage self-help and other support strategies*

Mental Health First Aid USA is coordinated by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Missouri Department of Mental Health.