

MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER REGISTRY

Volunteer Recruitment: Behavioral Health Professionals



Emergencies and disasters can have devastating impacts on people's mental health. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), emergencies can worsen mental health conditions and social issues such as poverty and discrimination. They can also contribute to new problems, such as family separation and harmful substance use (WHO, 2025).

Did you know the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) maintains a registry of volunteers interested in responding to a public health or medical emergency? It's called the Michigan Volunteer Registry (MVR), and it's made up of over 13,000 medical and non-medical professionals. Only four percent of volunteers currently registered in the MVR identify as mental or behavioral health professionals (e.g., grief counselor, social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, therapist, etc.).

MDHHS is looking for behavioral health professionals who live or work in Michigan to join the MVR. Registration is simple: applicants are asked to complete an online application at MiVolunteerRegistry.org and upload any relevant license or certification information into the database. Once their application is approved, they can connect with affiliated emergency response organizations like their local health department, Citizens Emergency Response Team, National Ski Patrol, or the Medical Reserve Corps. In addition to deployments, MVR volunteers are invited to participate in exercises, drills, webinars, trainings, and recognition activities.

Are you ready to make a difference in Michigan?
Visit MiVolunteerRegistry.org or contact MVR Coordinator Stephanie Steele at steeles7@michigan.gov today!



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