



MENTAL  
HEALTH  
FIRST AID

# YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

Date: Saturday February 24, 2018

Time: 9:00am–5:30pm

Location: Diocese of Scranton's Pastoral Center  
330 Wyoming Avenue  
Scranton, Pa. 18503

Youth Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour certification course that introduces participants to the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, builds an understanding of the importance of early intervention, and teaches how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge.

## Who should take the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training?

Adults whom regularly interact with adolescents

(12 to 18 years old)

- Teachers, Coaches, Youth Leaders
- Juvenile Justice Professionals
- Nurses
- First-responders, Fire, Police
- Parents, Volunteers and the General Public



## What will participants learn?

The course teaches participants the risk factors and warning signs of a variety of mental health challenges common among adolescents, including anxiety, depression, psychosis, eating disorders, AD/HD, disruptive behavior disorders, and substance use disorder.

**Participants do not learn to diagnose, nor how to provide any therapy or counseling** – rather, participants learn a core five-step action plan to support an adolescent developing signs and symptoms of mental illness or in an emotional crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis; select interventions and provide initial help; and connect young people to professional, peer, and self-help care.

**Youth Mental Health First Aid is listed in SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidenced Based Programs and Practices and is approved as one of the curriculums that meet the professional development requirement of Act 71. Professionals and educators may be eligible for CEU's.**

To register, e-mail [clynd@ecneahec.org](mailto:clynd@ecneahec.org) or call 610-379-2001

**Course fee: \$10** (make check payable to: **The Diocese of Scranton**)

(Fee includes all course materials and lunch!)

**Send Course Fee to: ECPA AHEC**

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Register by Monday February 19, 2018–register early–class fills quickly!

In the event of a weather cancellation, you will be notified through the email address you provide when you register by 4:00 pm on Friday February 23, 2018



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