

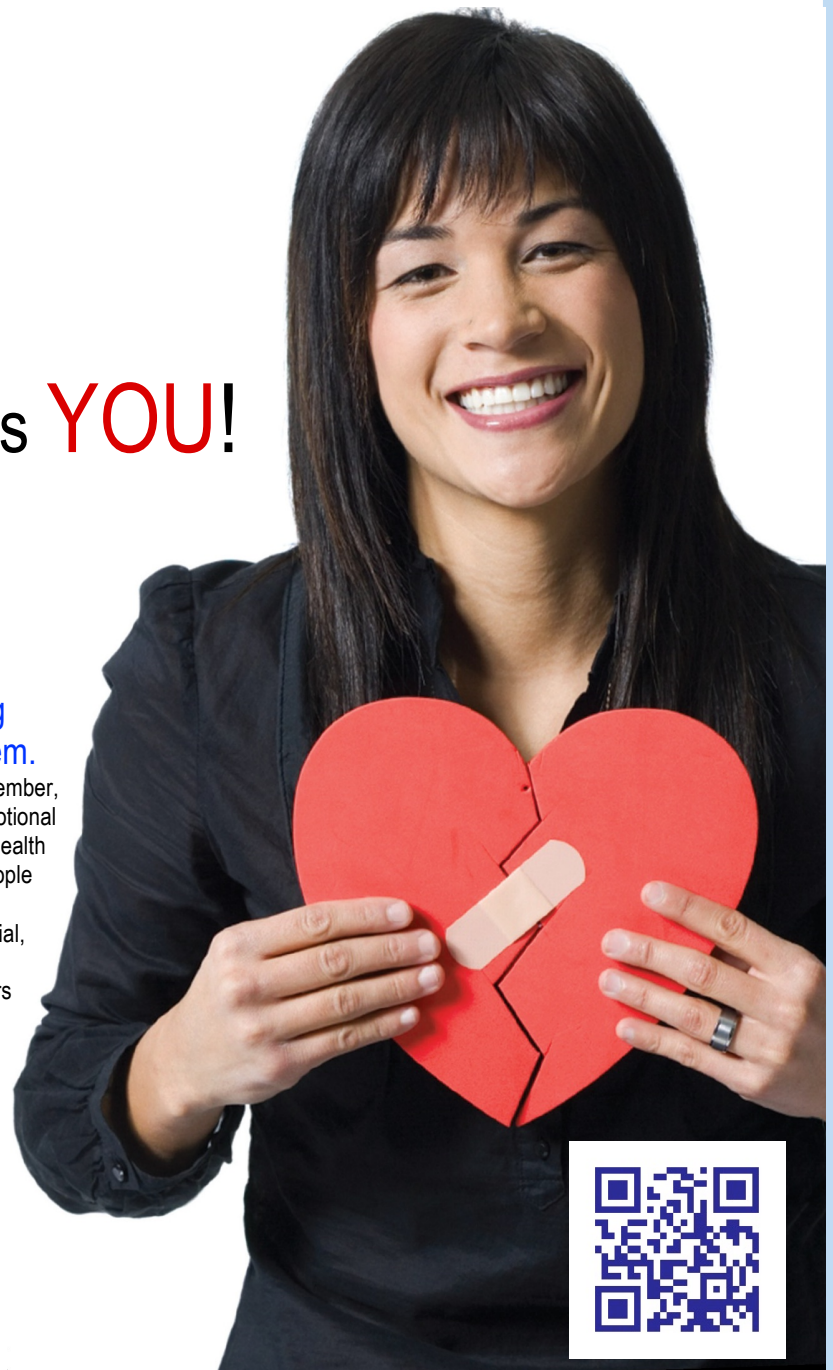
Sometimes, first aid isn't  
a **bandage**,  
or **CPR**,  
or the **Heimlich**,  
or calling **911**.

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 12-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.



**ALGEE, the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan**

- A**ssess for risk of suicide or harm
- L**isten nonjudgmentally
- G**ive reassurance and information
- E**ncourage appropriate professional help
- E**ncourage self-help and other support strategies

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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.