



## Loudoun County, Virginia

[www.loudoun.gov](http://www.loudoun.gov)

## NEWS RELEASE

Office of the County Administrator, Public Affairs and Communications  
1 Harrison Street SE, P.O. Box 7000, Leesburg, VA 20177-7000  
703-777-0113 • Fax 703-771-5841

For Immediate Release  
May 4, 2022

Media Contact: Glen Barbour, Public Affairs and Communications Officer  
703-771-5086, [Glen.Barbour@loudoun.gov](mailto:Glen.Barbour@loudoun.gov)

### **Loudoun Offers Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs in May**

Loudoun County offers ongoing mental health education and substance abuse prevention programs. All programs are free, but registration is required, and seats are limited. The schedule of upcoming classes for May 2022 is as follows:

#### **Adverse Childhood Experiences Training**

The [Adverse Childhood Experiences](#) training is a one-hour educational program that aims to raise awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs. ACEs are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. ACEs are linked to chronic health problems, mental illness and substance use problems in adulthood. The training teaches that ACE prevention is a key to improving a community's well-being. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and a question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. The next class will be held:

- **May 24:** 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit [loudoun.gov/childhoodadversitytraining](http://loudoun.gov/childhoodadversitytraining).

#### **Mental Health First Aid**

[Mental Health First Aid](#) offers training that teaches people how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. The training also teaches the skills that someone needs to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis. There are two versions of the program, a general adult program and a program for adults who interact with youth. The trainings are usually held over a two-day period, with the class lasting for about three hours each day. The next trainings are:

- Adult Mental Health First Aid: **May 11 & 12:** 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each day (Virtual)
- Youth Mental Health First Aid: **May 17 & 18:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each day.  
(In-person training, Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, 906 Trailview Blvd. SE, Leesburg).

For details about the training and to register, visit [loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid](http://loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid).

#### **Opioid Overdose Reversal**

Loudoun County offers local training sessions of [REVIVE!](#), the opioid overdose and naloxone education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend. The virtual sessions last about one hour. Upcoming classes are scheduled:

- **May 13:** 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- **May 16:** 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- **May 27:** 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit [loudoun.gov/revive](https://loudoun.gov/revive).

### **Suicide Prevention Training**

The [Question Persuade Refer](#) program offers training to help people recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to refer someone for professional help. The suicide prevention training teaches three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide; question, persuade and refer. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and practice opportunities will follow the presentation. The next class will be held:

- **May 19:** 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit [loudoun.gov/suicidepreventiontraining](https://loudoun.gov/suicidepreventiontraining).

For more information on the prevention and intervention services offered by the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, visit [loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention](https://loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention) or send an email to [prevention@loudoun.gov](mailto:prevention@loudoun.gov).

###