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What Really is the Best Mental Health Approach to Victims of Mass Violence

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Q&A

Why isn't psychological care for the immediate aftermath and long term available to victims at no cost?

How do victim compensation programs handle these claims?

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Q&A

What's the first thing you can do to help a survivor?

What is the best way to speak with a victim if you're the first person responding to their needs on the day of an incident?

What's a good way to help people stay calm immediately following a mass casualty incident?

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Who is ultimately responsible for ongoing follow up?

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When is the appropriate time to do a needs assessment?

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What are the best trauma-informed services to provide during the first few days after an incident? A month after?

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What is the most current and effective treatment approach for debriefing trauma survivors and first responders?

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Q&A

What do you believe is most important for responders to know when supporting these victims?

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Do you recommend followup offers of assistance to people who decline it initially?

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What does research show about group vs. individual interventions for victims of mass violence?

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What is the percentage of people with mental health diagnoses who perpetrate acts of mass violence?

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What are the top three mental health issues facing survivors (e.g., reliving event, grief, survivor guilt)?

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How do survivors cope with the fact that they survived but others did not?

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Which approach do you think has the best results, individual or group counseling?

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What organizations combine mental and spiritual health (i.e., faith-based organizations) to help victims of mass violence?

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What's an approach that family members and friends can use to encourage therapy?

Should dialectical behavior therapy be used?

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Can you talk about treatment/support for family members and survivors after the multiple suicides of family and survivors as a result of the Parkland shooting?

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What do adults need to do to help young people cope? Are active shooter drills a good idea?

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Q&A

Can you provide a case study of ways to structure/conceptualize the framework for a response to one of the incidents of mass violence you handled?

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Q&A

How do mass violence incidents affect domestic violence?

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Q&A

Does the evidence support Mental Health First Aid for victims of mass violence and disasters?

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Q&A

Does it matter if the distress reactions are immediately after the incident or for a certain amount of time after?

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Q&A

In your opinion, which treatment model is the most effective?

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