

AETR2N | Arizona EMDR Trauma Response and Recovery Network

Happenings at the AETR2N!

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2012 ACTIVITY UPDATE FROM AETR2N'S BEVERLEE LAIDLAW CHASSE TO THE EMDR HAP . . .

(Arizona's) ". . . Trauma Recovery Network the AETR2N had recently been activated to provide Early EMDR Intervention for individuals that were directly affected by a recent tragic and fatal shooting of a prominent attorney and his client in a busy office bldg. in Phoenix, AZ, after a mediation hearing had gone bad. The shooter also injured an innocent bystander and narrowly missed others when he was shooting at individuals that were trying to follow him out of the bldg as he was making his escape. Police were unable to apprehend him for over 24 hours which created a great degree of terror and uncertainty for individuals in the bldg., friends, families and colleagues of the deceased. He was eventually found and had taken his own life."

(The Arizona Chapter) ". . . immediately activated our network and sent out a request to our AETR2N network for volunteers to provide pro bono Early EMDR Intervention for individuals having difficulty coping effectively with this tragedy. The following individuals have volunteered to provide pro bono services: Sue Sugar (AC), Debra Onsager (AC), Julia Russomano, Pati Anderson, Noelle Landay, Ira Dressner(AC), Mamta Bhargava, and Bev Chasse(AC & FAC). Volunteers are all Registered HAP volunteers, have attended the Building a Team and RTEP trainings, and meet the criterion outlined in our manual to provide service. Jan Williams (AC & FAC) and Julie Miller(AC & FAC) have offered to provide Approved Consultant consultation to the therapists through skype as they live outside the Phoenix area. Also Bonnie Beebe and Carol Gegenheimer, our volunteer research clinicians, will be assisting us to collect and analyze the data from this incident on Early EMDR Intervention.

Within a week and a half AETR2N volunteers were in contact with individuals that were having difficulty coping with what happened and we were able to offer and schedule pro bono assistance to them. We also referred them to the resources section of our website www.aetr2n.net so they could get information quickly on how to manage their distress until they got in to see us.

To date we received a request for direct services from 10 people and were able to place them with a clinician within a week. Several therapists have already had several sessions with clients from the bldg. where the shooting happened, as well as some friends, family, colleagues of the victims, including some children. All are reporting very favorable results and the clients have expressed immense gratitude for the immediate assistance.

This activation will also be reported on The Medical Reserve Corp website news which is getting the word out to the disaster/ emergency response community and possibly other victims."