Introduction

This database was compiled by the British Psychological Society’s Working Party on Disaster, Crisis and Trauma with the aim of helping members gain access to relevant resources in their work with those psychologically affected by disasters and other major incidents.

The database includes areas of knowledge relevant to the epidemiology and assessment of psychological reactions to disasters, as well as their ethical, cultural, legal, and research aspects. It also includes material on planning and intervention before, during, and after major incidents.

The database is deliberately selective with the aim of directing members to those resources that in the opinion of the Working Party are likely to be among those that are up to date and as far as possible evidence-based. The resources represent a starting point for those involved in disaster responding and we hope provide a useful introduction to the many facets of this work.
General

PTSD and trauma texts

Disaster mental health

Assessment of PTSD
International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies resources: http://www.istss.org/resources/browse.cfm
National Center for PTSD resources: http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/ncmain/assessment/


**Epidemiology of PTSD**


**Effects on children and families**


Gender

Oxfam Briefing Note (2005). *The tsunami’s impact on women.*

Pan American Health Organization. *Gender and natural disasters* (Factsheet).
http://www.paho.org/English/AD/GE/genderdisasters.PDF

Culture


**Research methods**

**Ethical issues**

**Legal issues**
Pre-disaster/Planning

**Risk analysis and crisis planning**


**Preparation for major incidents**


**Training and transfer**


**Civil Emergency Procedures**

http://www.ukresilience.info/preparedness/emergencyplanning.aspx
http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/hsproms/planning.html
http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/emergencies/ (Guidance for schools)

**Managing Crowds**


**Risk Factors for Developing PTSD**


During disaster/Immediate responses

Psychological first aid


Debriefing


**Psychology of decision making**


**Functioning of disaster responders**


**Psychology of perpetrators (terrorists, hostage takers, etc.)**


**Role of the media**

The Dart Center: [http://www.dartcenter.org/regions/london/index.html](http://www.dartcenter.org/regions/london/index.html)


**Bioterrorism**

After disaster/Mental health interventions

International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies resources:
http://www.istss.org/resources/browse.cfm


Screening/identification


**Early intervention**


Chemtob, C.M. et al. (2002). Psychosocial intervention for post disaster trauma symptoms in elementary school children. *Archives of Paediatric and Adolescent Medicine, 156*, 211–216.


**Bereavement/grief**


**Treatment of chronic posttraumatic reactions**


**Long-term outcomes**


**Secondary traumatisation**


**Organisational responses**


Resilience


Learning Lessons


**WEB LINKS**

UK Trauma Group (specialist traumatic stress treatment centres in the UK): http://www.uktrauma.org.uk

European Society of Traumatic Stress Studies: http://www.estss.org

European Federation of Psychologists’ Associations website on disaster, crisis, and trauma psychology: http://disaster.efpa.be/

International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies resources on terrorism and disaster: http://www.istss.org/resources/public.cfm

US Department of Veterans Affairs National Center for PTSD: http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/ncmain/index.jsp

National Center for PTSD factsheet on disasters for health care providers: http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/ncmain/healthcare/fact_sheets/treatment/index.jsp

National Center for PTSD factsheet on disasters for survivors: http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/ncmain/information/trauma/disaster/general_ndis.jsp

National Center for PTSD factsheet on disasters for mental health care providers: http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/ncmain/providers/fact_sheets/trauma_type/type_disaster.jsp

Impact (Dutch knowledge and advice centre for post-disaster psychosocial care): www.impact-kenniscentrum.nl.

David Baldwin’s trauma pages: http://www.trauma-pages.com/

University of Michigan Disaster Research and Mentoring Center: http://www.sph.umich.edu/drem/

Disaster Action (Charity supporting survivors and bereaved):
   www.disasteraction.org.uk
Sudden Trauma Information Service Helpline (STISH): http://www.stish.org
Children and War Foundation: http://www.childrenandwar.org
The National Child Traumatic Stress Network:
   http://www.nctsnet.org/nav.do?pid=hom_main
Child Trauma Institute: http://www.childtrauma.com
American Academy of Pediatrics (children and disasters pages):
   http://www.aap.org/disasters/index.html
American Red Cross (children and disasters pages):
   http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0.1082.0_602_00.html
International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (psychosocial
   support pages): http://psp.drk.dk/sw2955.asp

All web links accessed 18 April 2008.
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