WI Mental Health and Other Related Laws (Core)
9:00am-4:00pm

**Description:**
This one-day course uses discussion and small group exercises along with lecture to help participants understand the laws and standards related to crisis work as identified in DHS 34. Mental Health Laws (Chapter 51) will be presented and the crisis worker will be prepared for the fact that not all of their cases are going to fit neatly into the Chapter 51 framework. Participants will be exposed to the other laws that may be involved in crisis response, such as Chapters 48, 938, 54, 55. Scenarios will be used to illustrate how to navigate between systems.

**Learning Objectives:**
Participants will:
- Develop a basic understanding of Wisconsin Mental Health Law (Chapter 51)
- Develop a basic understanding of related statutes (Chapters 48, 938, 54, 55)
- Understand the criteria and process for doing an emergency detention (51.15)
- Understand the criteria and process for doing a protective placement for alcohol (51.45)
- Become familiar with client rights and confidentiality
- Explore the balance between the need to protect client rights and community safety
- Explore the issues related to dealing with populations that don’t fit neatly into a single statutory category
- Practice decision-making based upon case examples of various populations in crisis

**Intended Audience:**
Those pursuing crisis certification under DHS34 and those interested in gaining an introduction to crisis work. This is part of a 3-part series that was developed as a core crisis curriculum and is not intended to be an advanced course.

6.0 CEH’s in Social Work (6 Hours toward Crisis Certification)