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As Director, DEEP Center, Dr. Shultz trains public health, behavioral health, and hospital-based professionals, and their community preparedness and response partners, in disaster behavioral health and emergency preparedness. He has personally served as lead trainer, presenting more than 500 training sessions to more than 20,000 persons throughout the United States, Canada Latin America, and Europe. Dr. Shultz has written a series of books in the area of disaster behavioral health and he is the primary developer of the trauma signature (TSIG) analysis approach for providing evidence-based guidance on mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) response during disasters. Dr. Shultz's current international research focuses on disaster and conflict-affected populations including the overlap of trauma exposure and substance abuse.

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