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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment or operation of a center to be known as the Emergency Mental Health and Substance Use Training and Technical Assistance Center.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSE of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUB-**
4 **STANCE USE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL AS-**
5 **SISTANCE CENTER.**

6 Subpart 3 of part B of title V of the Public Health
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb–31 et seq.) is amended by

1 inserting after section 520A (42 U.S.C. 290bb–32) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **“SEC. 520B. EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUB-**
4 **STANCE USE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL AS-**
5 **SISTANCE CENTER.**

6 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, acting
7 through the Assistant Secretary, shall establish or operate
8 a center to be known as the Emergency Mental Health
9 and Substance Use Training and Technical Assistance
10 Center (referred to in this section as the ‘Center’) to pro-
11 vide technical assistance and support—

12 “(1) to public or nonprofit entities seeking to
13 establish or expand access to mental health and sub-
14 stance use prevention, treatment, and recovery sup-
15 port services, and increase awareness of such serv-
16 ices; and

17 “(2) to public health professionals, health care
18 professionals and support staff, essential workers (as
19 defined by a State, Tribe, locality, or territory), and
20 members of the public to address the trauma, stress,
21 and mental health needs associated with an emer-
22 gency period.

23 “(b) ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT.—The assistance
24 and support provided under subsection (a) shall include
25 assistance and support with respect to—

1 “(1) training on identifying signs of trauma,
2 stress, and mental health needs;

3 “(2) providing accessible resources to assist in-
4 dividuals and families experiencing trauma, stress,
5 or other mental health needs during and after an
6 emergency period;

7 “(3) providing resources for substance use dis-
8 order prevention, treatment, and recovery designed
9 to assist individuals and families during and after an
10 emergency period;

11 “(4) the provision of language access services,
12 including translation services, interpretation, or
13 other such services for individuals with limited
14 English speaking proficiency or individuals with dis-
15 abilities; and

16 “(5) evaluation and improvement, as necessary,
17 of the effectiveness of such services provided by pub-
18 lic or nonprofit entities.

19 “(c) BEST PRACTICES.—The Center shall periodi-
20 cally issue best practices for use by organizations seeking
21 to provide mental health services or substance use disorder
22 prevention, treatment, or recovery services, including best
23 practices for the following special populations:

24 “(1) Incarcerated individuals.

25 “(2) Children.

1 “(3) Pregnant women.

2 “(4) Underserved populations.

3 “(5) Communities of color.

4 “(6) Health care providers and essential work-
5 ers.

6 “(d) EMERGENCY PERIOD.—In this section, the term
7 ‘emergency period’ has the meaning given such term in
8 section 1135(g)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act.

9 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
11 \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021.”.

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