

Sometimes, first aid isn't
a **bandage**,
or **CPR**,
or the **Heimlich**,
or calling **911**.

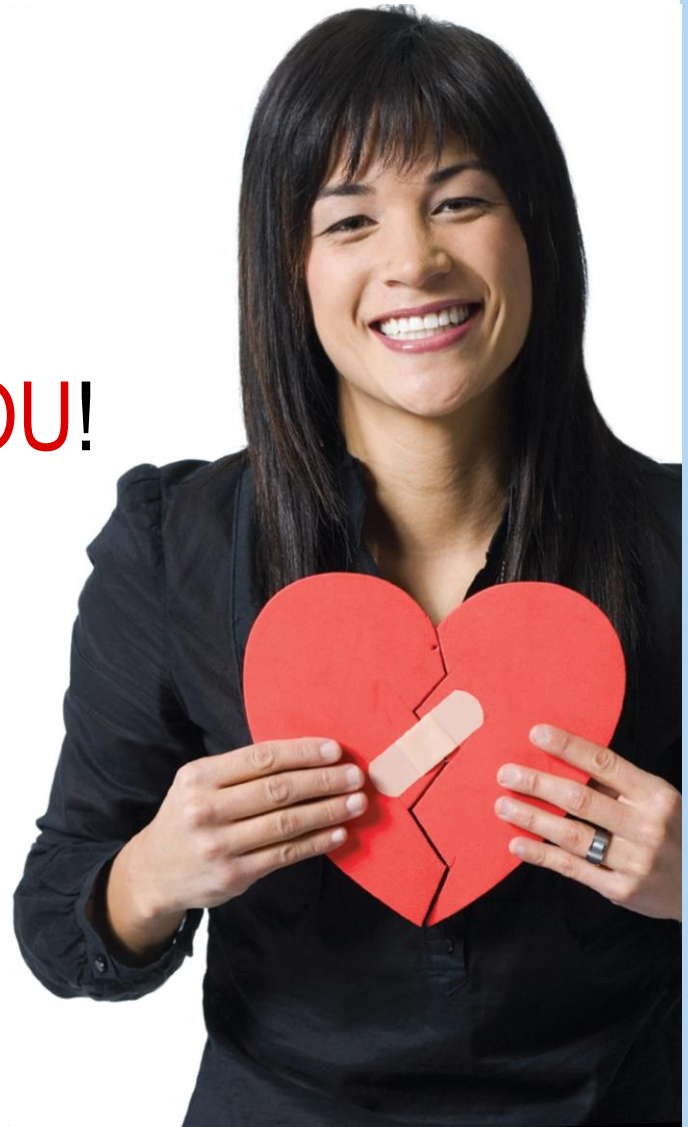
Sometimes, first aid is **YOU!**

A young person you know could be experiencing
a mental health challenge or crisis.

You can help them.

You are more likely to encounter someone — friend, family member, student, neighbor, or member of the community — in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to young people showing signs of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self help care. Anyone can take the 8-hour Youth Mental Health First Aid course, but it is ideally designed for adults who work with young people, ages 12-18 — teachers, coaches, leaders of faith communities, social workers, and other caring citizens.

Sometimes, the best first aid is you.
Take the course, save a life, strengthen
your community.



ALGEE, the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan

- Assess for risk of suicide or harm*
- Listen nonjudgmentally*
- Give reassurance and information*
- Encourage appropriate professional help*
- Encourage self-help and other support strategies*

Questions? Contact Goochland Powhatan Community Services at (804) 556-5400 or email rpentecost@goochlandva.us

Mental Health First Aid USA is coordinated by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Missouri Department of Mental Health.