



# Disaster Psychiatry Outreach

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Disaster Psychiatry Outreach's (DPO) mission is to alleviate suffering in the aftermath of disaster through the expertise and good will of psychiatrists. To fulfill this mission, DPO responds to catastrophes and provides education and training in disaster mental health to a range of professionals in the healthcare, public health and emergency management sectors.

Our goals are to:

- organize volunteer psychiatrists who provide immediate mental health services in the aftermath of disasters in conjunction with government and private charitable organizations;
- Develop and implement educational programs, training, and referral mechanisms, and;
- Develop research and policy in the field of disaster psychiatry.

DPO's activities are guided by its vision to prevent the development of mental illness after disaster.

## NEWS

Disaster Psychiatry Outreach has long been a pioneer in the field of disaster psychiatry. As part of its nearly 10-year-old quest to find the best ways to fulfill its mission of alleviating suffering in the aftermath of disaster through the expertise and good will of psychiatrists, DPO will be embarking on a major transformation in January, 2008. At that time, we will close our office in lower Manhattan, and the Board, including the co-founders of the organization, will assume day-to-day operation of DPO. DPO believes that these changes will

reduce overhead costs significantly and help to better ensure that all donations are most efficiently applied toward our services.

We will miss our long-time Executive Director, Anastasia Holmes, and Office Manager, David Peterson. They have become part of the fabric of our organization and known to many of our collaborators and volunteers since the months after 9/11. In making this change, though, DPO will be returning to a Board-driven model of functioning that paved the way for what remains its largest and most successful response to date, the 9/11 attacks. The hard work of our departing staff and the many years of post-9/11 experience, leaves DPO as poised as ever to be available to our communities to help in times of need.

DPO can still be reached by calling 212-598-9995, or in emergencies, 917-656-8022, or through e-mail at [info@disasterpsych.org](mailto:info@disasterpsych.org).

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