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Issues & Answers

Issue #1 - Hurricane Katrina



In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, social workers from across the country are offering assistance to those impacted by the recent natural tragedy. In partnership with the American Red Cross, licensed mental health

practitioners are gearing up to meet the urgent and ongoing need for disaster workers.

Social workers are the largest providers of mental health services in the country. Social workers also make up more than 40 percent of Red Cross mental health volunteers. They have the training and education to help victims of disasters to work through their grief and loss and to connect them to the resources they need to rebuild their lives.

Here are several informative articles written by social workers regarding grief and loss, stress management, and ways to cope.

- Grief and Loss: [Recovering From High-Profile Traumatic Events](#)
- Grief and Loss: [Supporting Children Through Grief](#)
- Stress Management: [The ABCs of Stress](#)
- Issues & Answers: [Hurricane Katrina: The Effect of Hurricane Katrina on One Opinion Spinal Chord Injury/Disability](#)
- Mental Health Support and Resources from the weekly public radio program, [The Infirm](#)
- [Children of the Storm](#) - A short film by social worker Betsy Weiss in which school children the disaster tell their stories.



Below is Hurricane Katrina assistance information from the federal government and other org

- [HHS Awards \\$600,00 in Emergency Mental Health Grants to Four States Devastated Katrina](#) - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, September 18, 2005
- [Hurricane Katrina Response and Guidance for Health-Care Providers, Relief Workers Operators](#) - *MMWR Weekly*, September 9, 2005
- [Crisis Hotline Available for Victims of Hurricane Katrina](#) - U.S. Department of Health a Services, September 7, 2005
- [CMS Actions to Help Beneficiaries, Providers in Katrina Stricken Areas](#) - Centers for Medicaid Services, September 2, 2005
- [Guidelines for Parents to Help Students After a Hurricane](#), The National Child Trauma Network
- [FEMA Assistance for Individuals Who Are HIV+](#). If you are a Hurricane Katrina evaci register for disaster assistance as soon as possible by calling **(800) 621-FEMA**. Whe the operator that you have special needs and are HIV+. This will put you in the queue a special needs case worker.

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