

HOPWA HURRICANE RESPONSE PROJECT

INFO SHEET

The HOPWA Hurricane Response Project is a joint effort between Collaborative Solutions, Inc. in Birmingham, AL and AIDS Housing of Washington in Seattle, WA. The purpose of this project is to provide an intensive and coordinated response to help ensure the continuity of HIV/AIDS housing and support services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families in the impacted areas of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

The HOPWA Hurricane Response Project is funded by the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) National Technical Assistance Program, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing.

For more information or to request assistance, contact:

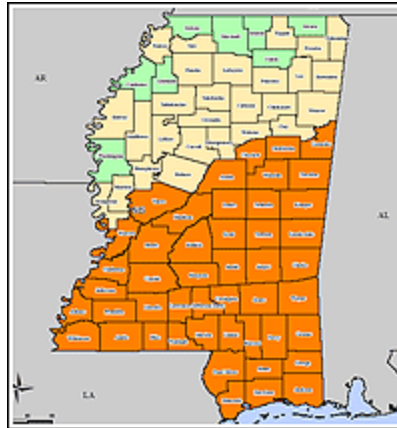
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For more information about the HOPWA program, go to:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/programs/>



MISSISSIPPI HOPWA HOUSING RESOURCES



FEMA Designated Disaster Counties. The dark orange counties have access to individual and public assistance and the yellow counties have public assistance only. <http://www.fema.gov>

are trying to return home. Picayune, located in Pearl River County, reports that they have grown from 12,000 residents to approximately 25,000 residents since Hurricane Katrina. They currently have a housing shortage; however, 25 new subdivisions are currently being built. ⁷

HURRICANE KATRINA IN MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi's Coast line was ravaged when Hurricane Katrina struck land on August 29, 2005. This devastation led 508,589 survivors to seek FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) in 50 locations throughout the state.² One year later there are 36,127 travel trailers and mobile homes still in use in Mississippi.³ The Gulf Coast area of Mississippi lost more than 42,000 residents as a result of the hurricane. One year later, more and more citizens

HOPWA IN MISSISSIPPI

*FEMA disaster assistance tops \$9 billion and rising.*¹

*Mississippi has completed 99% of the land debris removal and has removed 45 million cubic yards.*²

HIV/AIDS and their families.⁴

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program was established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address the housing and service needs of low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS and their families. HOPWA makes grants to states, local communities, and nonprofit organizations for projects that will benefit low income persons medically diagnosed with

Under the HOPWA program there are two formula grantees, the State of Mississippi and the City of Jackson. There is also one former competitive grantee, South Mississippi AIDS Task Force. The Mississippi Department of Health's (MSDH) STD/HIV Bureau has served as the grantee for the state since 1995. Their principal focus is on short term housing assistance with case management support throughout the state.⁵ South Mississippi AIDS Task Force coordinates their efforts with MSDH and 25 other organizations to provide supportive services for clients including transportation, treatment, living skills, and money management.⁶

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State Wide Health Department:

Health Department Contact- 1-888-343-7373 (Ask for Care and Services)
Information- <http://www.healthyMS.com>
Mississippi STD/HIV Hotline- 1-800-826-2961

Informational Links:

State of Mississippi: Hurricane Katrina Disaster Information

<http://www.emergencyinfo.ms.gov>

This is Mississippi's official website for Hurricane Katrina which provides contact information along with recovery assistance, volunteer information, and related links. It also provides a toll-free number and link to information about Katrina Homeowner Assistance Grants.

FEMA Housing Information

<https://rims.fema.gov/hportal/home.htm>

FEMA's Housing Portal consolidates rental resources for evacuees identified by federal agencies, private organizations, and individuals.

USDA Rural Development

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/disasters/katrina.html>

The USDA provides rural housing information for evacuees, including additional loan information and state by state contacts.

MS Disaster Housing Referrals

<http://www.msdisasterhousing.org/>

Partner agencies identify housing solutions for hurricane evacuees.

Disaster Housing Online

<http://www.dhronline.org/chooseState.cfm>

This provides a quick and easy disaster housing search tool.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

<http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=al>

HUD in Alabama with Katrina relief information through the state Department of Human Resources and the United Way of Central Alabama (UWCA).

¹ Federal Emergency Management Agency (2006) *FEMA Aid Tops \$9 Billion As Mississippi Recovery Begins Year Two*. Available <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=29522>

² Federal Emergency Management Agency (2006) *Hurricane Katrina: One Year Anniversary Mississippi by the Numbers* Available <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsreleaser.fema?id=29044>

³ Federal Emergency Management Agency (2006) *Frequently Requested national Statistics Hurricane Katrina- One year Later* Available http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/2005katrina/anniversary_factsheet.shtm

⁴ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (2006) *Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program* Available <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/programs/index.cfm>

⁵ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (2006) *HOPWA Grantee Information – State of Mississippi* Available <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/local/ms/mississippi/index.cfm>

⁶ U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (2006) *HOPWA Grantee Information – South Mississippi AIDS Task Force* Available

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/local/ms/southmissaidtaskforce/index.cfm>

⁷ Clarion Ledger (2006) *Rising from ruins: 'By God, I'm Back'* Available <http://www.clarionledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?aid=/20060827/special22/608270342/1295>