



# Department of Children and Families & Disaster Preparedness



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- In 2004, within 4 months: Charlie, Ivan, Frances, Jean (many areas were hit by several of the hurricanes).
- Florida was also affected by last year's hurricanes Wilma & Katrina (Floridians and those displaced from other affected states)
- People in Miami, the Keys and other areas are still working on replacing roofs, sewage systems, home structures, etc.



# ICPC Office Efforts



- Requested federal waivers for reimbursement in service areas where we expected to be providing services to displaced dependent families (case management, child safety checks, Medicaid, supervision, treatment, shelter)
- Committed to providing services and supervision for displaced dependent families
- Engaged in campaign to ensure commitment to provide services and supervision for dependent families that relocated to Florida- **KEEP EVERYONE IN THE LOOP!**
- Committed to completing ICPC forms on behalf of "sending state", such as 100A/B



- Provided immediate notification to "sending state" ICPC office when we learned of a family being in FL
- Worked proactively with our providers so that WE did as much follow-up on our families that were in the affected states as possible
- Gathered helpful numbers and information to provide to families as they called, particularly for shelters, food banks, Red Cross centers, DV shelters and substance abuse facilities-  
OFFICIAL INFORMATION CENTER FOR Family Safety
- Florida judges expressed willingness to hold court on behalf of "sending state" but needed help figuring out HOW that could be done. Worked with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to establish procedures, provide guidance





*Substance Abuse and  
Mental Health  
(SAMH)- Crisis  
Counseling Training  
and Assistance  
Program (in the Wake  
of Disasters):*



# GENERAL PRINCIPLES



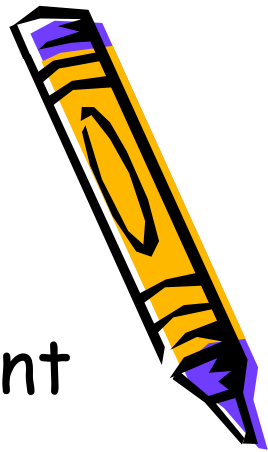
- Through Center for Mental Health Services and FEMA
- Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act 1974
- Federally funded (under HHS), 100% GRANTS
- Only states or federally recognized tribes can apply
- Requesting LBR for permanent/FTE program in Florida
- Must be a presidential declaration of a disaster

» Florida first to apply/receive 4 times in one season (2004)



- Once declaration is made, Governor's appointed Authorized Representative (through the State Emergency Management Agency) has:

- 14 days to submit application for IMMEDIATE SERVICES PROGRAM, lasting 2 months. Must include a projected budget; plan of service; project officers, etc.
- 60 days to submit application for REGULAR SERVICES PROGRAM, lasting 9 months. Requires a new application and supporting documents.



# SERVICES

- NO direct case management, direct services or POS
- Provide short-term emotional support & resource referrals (short-term, crisis resolution driven)
- Individual crisis counseling, group counseling, education services
- Referrals- food banks, shelters, job find, child care, mental health, DV info, housing
- Services- provide and assist in filling out FEMA forms, insurance companies forms, finding family members also displaced, etc.
- Services to the filed workers as well: stress management, training, debriefing, improvement efforts, their own loss, attachments, etc.



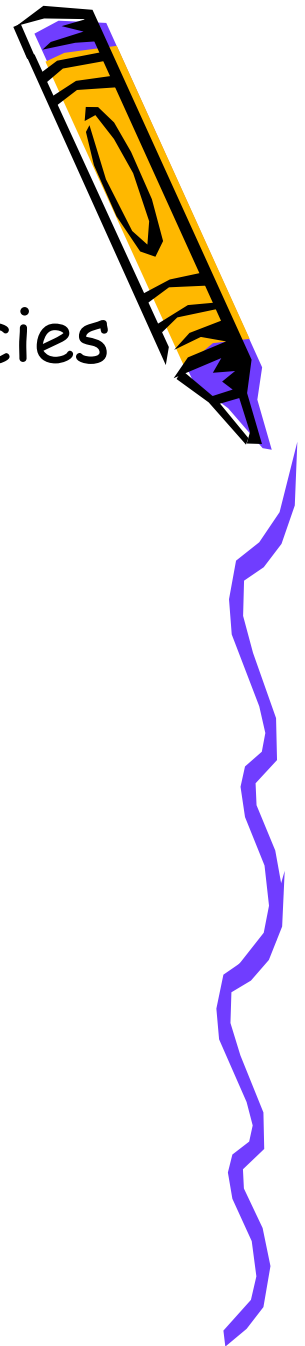


- Work with community to find funding for treatment of those that can't afford it.
- Sensitive to population diversity- minorities are included in the planning, teams and populations served- work with Haitian media, translations of pamphlets into Spanish (culturally sensitive), etc.
- The local community will end up with greatest burden. They help communities build resiliency as much as individuals- networking, preparedness, anniversary, etc.
- Most of team is from WITHIN the community- they aren't "experts" that come in from away and leave, but have ALSO been affected, know area services and have a local investment in the success of the program
- Various applications are represented, especially mental health, so they can more properly evaluate persons that would appear to need more long-term or structured treatment and provide referrals



# NETWORKING

- Religious organizations
- Federal, state and local government agencies (ESS, DOH, DEA, DOR-CSE)
- Not-for-profit agencies, For-profits
- FEMA
- Red Cross
- United Way
- Unmet Needs Committees (prevention)
- EOC



- \*Note: increase in DV, substance abuse and elderly abuse

# OUTREACH

- Shelters (homeless, DV)
- Churches
- Red Cross food banks
- Disaster recovery centers
- Emergency food stamps sites (DCF)
- 1-800 and local numbers
- Door to door

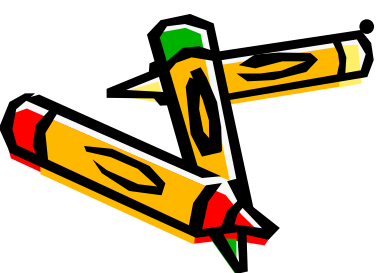


# PROJECT HOPE

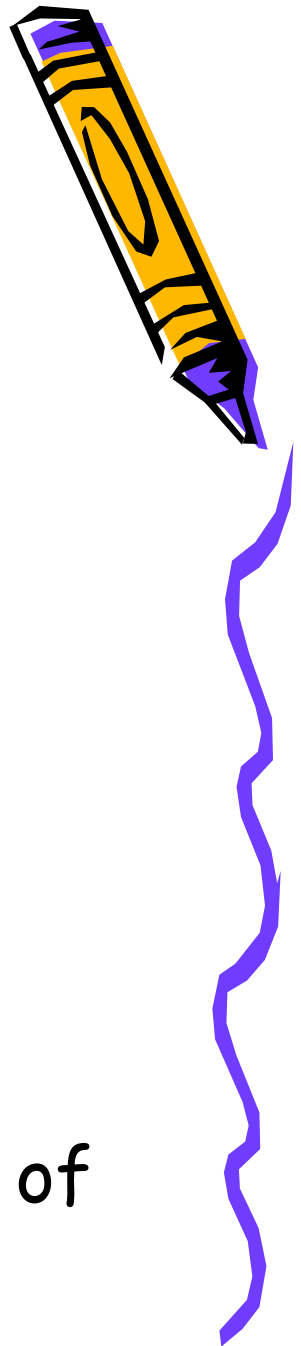
- Name of Florida's crisis-counseling program
- Why? Ease of access

## PROJECT RECOVERY

- Pilot in Florida to provide short-term mental health treatment rather than referral only



DOES provide money for purchase of services



# CURRENTLY IN SERVICE

- Wilma- 5 districts
- Katrina- 9 districts (some of our own, mostly evacuees)

# ADDITIONAL INFO

- Data collection- self- reporting by local agencies
- Reported contact with over 5 million people last year



# CONTACTS

*Federal information at:*

[www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/  
EmergencyServices/progguide.asp](http://www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/cmhs/EmergencyServices/progguide.asp)

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# Florida ICPC Library

<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/publications/icpclibrary.shtml>



INFO BITS (dependency and private adoptions)  
ICPC Forms, Instructions  
Judge's Manual  
Presentation- Navigating ICPC (3.5 Florida Bar CLEs)  
Presentation- ICPC, How Judges Can Help Make it Work Better  
ICPC Guidebook 2002  
Interviewing a Resource Guide (prior to sending a request)  
Florida's Motion, Order of Compliance  
"Compacts Intersection with State Laws"  
Nationwide Visitation Requirements (2002)  
All Florida CHECKLISTS (what we look for in new requests!)



Next Update: 5/15/06

**NEW INFO BITS, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS  
PRESENTATION, LOCAL CASE WORKER'S TRAINING**

