



OCDD Emergency Preparedness

In the event of a disaster, people with disabilities may need special assistance to prepare and in evacuating from their homes and communities, and they may also need assistance during their stay in emergency shelters. The Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) has developed a set of resources designed to make the experience of individuals with developmental disabilities during an emergency as easy and safe as possible.

Emergency Preparedness Hotlines

If you are an individual receiving OCDD services, an advocate or a provider needing additional assistance for emergency preparations, please contact the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities toll free at **(866) 783-5553**.

Relocation assistance of loved ones in the waiver services programs or in any public facility can be accessed by calling toll free **(866) 783-5553**.

If you are a person with developmental disabilities, are an advocate, or a provider needing additional assistance in evacuation and emergency preparedness, contact the OCDD office toll free at **(866) 783-5553**.



Important Numbers

For emergencies, CALL 911 in all areas. For non-emergency information, referrals or if you need information about shelters, please CALL 211.

Volunteer to Help People with Disabilities in Emergency Shelters

People with disabilities and the elderly need your help during their stay in emergency shelters. You can help in many ways. You can read to someone who is blind, help orient someone to the shelter's layout, assist with dressing, eating, getting in and out of cots, getting to the restroom and other things that make sheltering much easier for an elder or a person with a disability. With your help, an already difficult experience can be a little less stressful.

***To volunteer, go to
www.lava.dhh.louisiana.gov.***

**For additional emergency preparedness resources for citizens with developmental disabilities visit
dhh.la.gov/ocdd.**