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**NYDIS EVENTS & NEWS****NYDIS Staff Lead Workshops at NVOAD Conference**

NYDIS staff Peter Gudaitis and Susan Lockwood will be in Denver **June 20-24** for the 13th Annual National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster Annual (NVOAD) Conference. NVOAD is a professional association for charitable volunteer disaster organizations in 52 states and territories with 39

national members that has been existence for over 30 years. The goal of the conference is to provide opportunities for a national exchange of information, networking and cooperation among all the community disaster resources—government, private business and voluntary and faith-based agencies.

Peter and Susan will be leading three workshops, covering the topics of local VOADS, spiritual care and mental health collaboration, and the role of faith-based communities in disaster readiness, response, and recovery. Peter also sits on the Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee.

For more info, go to:

[www.nvoad.org/annualconf1.php](http://www.nvoad.org/annualconf1.php)

**Commissioner Bruno Invites NYDIS to PODEX**

Joe Bruno, Commissioner of the NYC Office of Emergency Management (NYC OEM), invited NYDIS to attend a Points of Dispensing Exercise (PODEX), designed to evaluate OEM and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's (NYC DOHMH) organizational performance and capabilities for dispensing medication in the event of a biological terrorist incident in NYC. NYDIS board member Canon Storm Swain and staff Peter Gudaitis and Susan Lockwood attended the last evening of the two-day exercise, and observed the setup and running of the POD on June 2.



Dear Friends of NYDIS:

Welcome to NYDISnet, our bi-weekly e-newsletter. We hope this resource will keep you updated about NYDIS and developments in disaster readiness, response and recovery initiatives that impacts the faith communities, our agencies and our partners.

Please feel free to copy and share any information from NYDISnet you find helpful, simply credit us as the source when appropriate.

Faithfully, Peter

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## NYDIS attends Ground Breaking for The Tribute Center

Today, NYDIS staff joined family members of those lost on Feb. 26, 1993 and Sept. 11, survivors of the WTC attacks, rescue workers, service providers, and people who work and live in lower Manhattan, as Governor Pataki broke ground for The Tribute Center at 120 Liberty St. The Center will serve as the central place for information and reflection for at least the next five years until the World Trade Center Memorial is completed.



According to Tribute Center President Sally Yerkovich, the 6,000 sq. ft. space, on the southeast side of the WTC site, will help millions of visitors to lower Manhattan over the next five years to understand the events of 1993 and 2001. It will also give families and friends of the 2,979 people lost a place to visit, grieve and remember.

The Center is a project of the September 11th Widows and Victims Families' Association, founded after 9/11 to advocate for victims and their families. Plans for The Center include a gallery, exhibits, educational programs, and walking tours of the WTC site conducted by volunteer guides from the Sept. 11 community.

For Tribute Center information, call (212) 669-6122

or visit:

[www.tributenyc.org](http://www.tributenyc.org)

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## NYDIS Co-Sponsors "Forgiveness at Ground Zero"

NYDIS joins the United Religions Initiative at the United Nations and The Sacred City Project, led by Father Lyndon Harris, in co-sponsoring a morning of coffee and conversation with noted author and scholar, Dr. Frederic Luskin, on **Wednesday, June 29, 8:30-10:00 am**, at The Church Center at the United Nations, 777 UN Plaza, First Ave and 44 St.

Dr. Luskin is Director and Co-Founder of the Stanford Forgiveness Project—an ongoing series of workshops and research projects that investigate the effectiveness of forgiveness on the victims of political violence as well as people suffering from interpersonal hurt. Dr. Luskin is a Senior Fellow at the Stanford Center on Conflict and Negotiation, author of a best selling book, *Forgive for Good*, and lectures all over the United States on the cultivation of forgiveness. Dr. Luskin also serves on the Advisory Board of The Sacred City Project's Garden of Forgiveness at Ground Zero initiative.



To attend, please RSVP to:

[RSVP@sacredcity.org](mailto:RSVP@sacredcity.org)

or call (917) 459-1324

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## Roundtable Offers In-Service Training for Case Workers

Starting July 19, NYDIS will be holding Case Worker In-Service Training on a regular basis for the 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable. Attending In-Services is required for case workers who have never presented a case at the NYC 9/11 Roundtable. NYDIS also encourages experienced case workers who have presented cases to sign-up for an in-service as a refresher. It's a great way for case workers to get the latest information, changes and trends in the case presentation process. In-Services will be held at NYDIS and are limited to 15 participants.

Case Worker In-Services are scheduled for:

- 9:30-11:30 am - **Tuesday, July 19**
- 9:30-11:30 am - **Tuesday, August 2**

To sign-up, contact Roundtable Moderator, Maggie Jarry  
212-669-6105

[mjarry@nydis.org](mailto:mjarry@nydis.org)

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## Roundtable Schedules Upcoming Sessions

The NYC 9/11 Roundtable, which brings together donors with agencies providing case management to 9/11 victims, will meet:

- 9:30 am - **Thursday, June 23**
- 9:30 am - **Thursday, July 7, 21**

Case Workers who would like to present a case must sign-up at least two days prior to the Roundtable. You will receive an email confirming the availability of the date you request.

To sign up or for information, contact Roundtable Moderator, Maggie Jarry  
(212) 669-6105  
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## Community News & Events

### NYC Debates Toxic Air

Air quality in Lower Manhattan remains a contentious issue as federal, state, and local agencies announce new programs and spar with residents over old ones. On Wednesday, the Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center (LMCCC) announced that it will operate a new air quality monitoring program during the Lower Manhattan rebuilding process. Residents and workers are concerned about the lingering toxins in Sept. 11-damaged buildings that are slated for demolition.



The LMCCC was created by NYS Governor George Pataki and NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg to coordinate the Lower Manhattan rebuilding process. The air quality monitoring program will be operated in coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the New York Department of Environmental Conservation, and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

To read the full story, go to:

[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2656](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2656)

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## Mt. Sinai Reopens WTC Screening Enrollment



Mt. Sinai Hospital is accepting new patients into the World Trade Center Worker and Volunteer Medical Screening program. The program ended last year but was revived by a federal grant. Thousands of recovery workers have been diagnosed with physical and mental ailments, showing the demand for medical care.

If you think you might qualify, call 888-702-0630.

For more info or to download eligibility forms, go to: [www.wtcexams.org](http://www.wtcexams.org)

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## WTC Permanency Project Offers Support Group

The World Trade Center Permanency Project is offering a weekly psychotherapy support group on **Mondays, 6:30-8:00 pm**, at 589 Eighth Ave, 15th flr, Manhattan. The group is free of charge and open to adults 18 years or older who have been experiencing difficulties as a result of the Sept. 11 attacks.

For more info, contact:  
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## From Our Members and Partners

- **September Space Offers Program on Survivor's Guilt**

September Space's Survivor Speaker Series will offer a talk by Dr. Flora Hogman, a Holocaust Survivor and Clinical Psychologist, on **Thursday, June 23, 6:30-8:30 pm**, at its facility, 520 8th Ave, 11th flr. Her topic is "Finding Meaning in Survival and Dealing with Guilt." The program format includes a one hour lecture followed by a question and answer period.



To RSVP call: (212) 563-7570

or Email: [programmanager@septemberspace.org](mailto:programmanager@septemberspace.org)

- **September Space/Faithful Response Offer EMDR Session**



Dr. David Grand, Clinical Director of Faithful Response, internationally known expert in the practice of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) and author of a book on the power of EMDR in healing, will give a presentation on this innovative clinical treatment for trauma on **Thursday, June 30, 6:30-8:30 pm**, at September Space, 520 8th Ave, 11th flr, Manhattan.

Please RSVP for this event by calling:  
(212) 563-7570



Or email:

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For more info, go to:

[www.septemberspace.org](http://www.septemberspace.org)

- **The Sikh Coalition Featured in Film**



"Dastaar: Defending the Sikh Identity," by filmmaker Kevin Lee will be shown in NYC at the Asian American Film Festival July 21. The documentary presents the struggle of the Sikh American community to overcome the hatred, fear and intolerance it faces from fellow Americans because of an essential symbol of the Sikh faith: the dastaar. It explores how media imagery fuels the association of the turban with terrorism, leading to widespread discrimination against Sikhs. Additionally, it highlights in part the Sikh Coalition's work to defend the civil rights of Sikhs.

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## Preparedness Corner

### OEM Offers Tips to help New Yorkers Beat The Heat!

With warm temperatures in the forecast, OEM reminds New Yorkers to take steps to stay cool:



- Stay out of the sun. When in the sun, wear sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher).
- Avoid strenuous activity.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.
- [More heat-beating tips...](#)
- Review OEM's Ready New York information about [heat and its related hazards](#).
- Read OEM's [Beat the Heat press release](#).

### Download Ready New York

- [Ready New York: Beat the Heat](#) (in [PDF](#))



On warm summer days, NYC can be as much as 10 degrees warmer than surrounding areas. The guide provides tips on how to stay healthy and cool during the summer months, conserve water and energy, and identify and treat individuals with heat-related illnesses. It's available in six languages.

- [Ready New York: Hurricanes and New York City](#)

Contrary to popular belief among many New Yorkers, coastal storms, including hurricanes, can and do impact the city. The guide includes general tips on how to prepare for any emergency, instructions on how to develop a hurricane disaster plan and secure your home before a storm, and a map of NYC hurricane evacuation zones. It's available in five languages.



- [Ready New York for Seniors & People with Disabilities](#) (in [PDF](#))



Emergencies can pose added challenges for seniors and people with disabilities. The guide provides detailed instructions on developing a disaster plan, assembling an Emergency Supply Kit, and putting together a Go Bag, as well as guidance on creating a support network, preparing for evacuation, and sheltering in place. It also addresses the added challenges emergencies can present for seniors and people with disabilities living in NYC. It's available in four languages.

- [Ready New York: Emergency Planning for Small & Mid-Sized Companies](#) (in PDF)

This new guide is designed to help businesses protect their employees, communities, and the environment and enhance a company's ability to recover from financial loss resulting from business interruption or damage to facilities and inventory. Available only in English.



- [Ready New York: Household Preparedness Guide](#)



The cornerstone of the Ready New York campaign, this comprehensive household preparedness guide offers tips and information about a wide range of potentially hazardous situations New Yorkers may face. It's available in nine languages.

View the guide [online](#), or [download](#) your copy today. You may also obtain a copy by calling **311**.

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## Job Opportunities in Disaster Services

- **Full-Time AmeriCorps Position with NYC VOAD**



NYC VOAD seeks applicants for one full-time AmeriCorps opening that runs on e year, from June 2005-May 2006. The member will serve in the offices of NYDIS under the direction of the NYC VOAD Board of Directors. Qualifications include bachelor's degree or equivalent experience and an interest in interagency disaster preparedness.

The AmeriCorps living stipend is \$10,497, plus transportation, health insurance, childcare subsidies and a \$4,700 education award upon completion of the program.

To apply, email or fax:  
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No phone calls.



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## We Recommend...

- Check out [www.where-to-turn.org](http://www.where-to-turn.org) website. Especially useful is the

info on legislation and news relating to 9/11 issues.

- Now you can listen to Disaster News Network reports on your computer or MP3 player. Go to [www.disasternews.net/podcasts](http://www.disasternews.net/podcasts). A new weekly Podcast is posted every Monday afternoon. News interviews are posted at other times during the week.
  - For case management and mental health resources, go to: [www.nydis.org/9-11recovery/9.htm](http://www.nydis.org/9-11recovery/9.htm)
  - For info on NYDIS, go to: [www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)
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## Make a Gift to NYDIS



If you'd like to make a donation to assist NYDIS in its mission of providing faith-based disaster services, [click here](#), or send a check to NYDIS at 22 Cortlandt Street, 20th Flr, New York, NY 10007. Contributions are tax deductible. It is a great way to honor or memorialize someone and we will send an acknowledgement of your gift.

To donate on line, go to the NYDIS homepage and click on "Make a Donation":  
[www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)

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