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## NYDIS EVENTS & NEWS

### NYDIS Issues Statement on London Bombings

Executive Director Peter Gudaitis issued a statement on behalf of NYDIS and its partners on July 7, calling the London attacks "an assault on humanity as a whole." He also extended condolences and prayers to the people of London and offered practical ways for U.S. based people to respond. *Disaster News Network* quoted extensively from the statement in an article on faith-based response to the bombings.

To read the full statement, go to:  
[www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)

To read the full story in Disaster News Network, go to:  
[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2703](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2703)

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### NYDIS Joins Effort to Reclaim \$125 million for Workers Comp



**Thursday, July 21**, NYDIS staff will travel to Washington D.C. with members of NY Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH) to lobby congress for the return of \$125 million to the state of NY for workers compensation to help meet the emerging needs of Ground Zero recovery workers.

NYDIS is assisting NYCOSH in enlisting clergy and recovery workers to join in this day-long event that will include a meeting with members of Congress, followed by a press conference. Buses will leave from mid-town Manhattan at 7 am and return by 8 pm.

For more information, contact:  
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#### NYDIS LINKS

- ▶ **Visit the NYDIS Website**
- ▶ **Sign up with NYDISnet**
- ▶ **Make a Contribution**

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

Peter B. Gudaitis, M.Div.  
Executive Director & CEO

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## Roundtable Offers In-Service Training for Case Workers

The Unmet Needs Roundtable will hold the first in a series of regularly scheduled In-Service Trainings for Case Workers on **Tuesday, July 19, 9:30-11:30 am** at NYDIS. In-Service Training is required for case workers who have never presented a case at the Roundtable, and is recommended as a refresher for experienced case workers who have previously presented cases.

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

- 9:30 am - **Friday, July 22\***
- 9:30 am - **Thursday, August 4**

**\* Please note the change in date for next week's NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable meeting from Thursday, July 21, to Friday, July 22.**

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 requested.

To sign up or for information, contact:

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### FEMA Unveils Online Disaster Help System

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed an online Individual Assistance Center (IAC) to allow those who have registered for disaster assistance to look at their cases on the internet.



The IAC is available on the agency's home page:

## OEM/Empowerment Institute Offer All Together Now Program



All Together Now aims to empower New York City residents to take practical actions to be prepared for any emergency. In building, block, or household-based teams, All Together Now participants follow a series of preparedness actions, such as how to create a Go Bag, how to live without electricity, and how to help neighbors in need. OEM and the Empowerment Institute invite you to learn more about the All

Together Now program at an upcoming information session. Hosted by various community organizations, all sessions are open to the public.

For a list of dates and locations in NYC, go to:

[www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/programs/all\\_together\\_now.htm](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/programs/all_together_now.htm)

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## September Space Adds Additional Support Services

In light of the recent terrorist attack in London, September Space will be adding additional supportive services at its Midtown Community Center through its "To Go" team and its PERCS disaster preparation and trauma mitigation programs.



For information, call or go to:

212-563-7570

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

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## From Our Members and Partners

- **NYDIS Members & Partners Respond to London Bombings**

To read what our members and partners have to say and are doing in response to the London bombings, go to our website and click on the links provided at:

[www.nydis.org/about/9.php](http://www.nydis.org/about/9.php)

- **Lutherans Respond to Hurricane Dennis**



Early reports from Lutheran disaster coordinators in northwest Florida and coastal Alabama indicate that most residents and their property got through Hurricane Dennis fairly unscathed with some minor damage. The storm damage was not nearly as great as when Hurricane Ivan hit the area 10 months ago. That storm caused the deaths of 29 people in the Florida Panhandle and caused about \$7 billion in property damage across the South.

To read more, go to [www.LDRNY.org](http://www.LDRNY.org) and click on Top News.

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## Preparedness Corner

- **CAIR Provides Safety Kit for American Muslim Community Leaders**

The Council on American-Islamic Relations is asking American Muslim community leaders to educate themselves and implement safety measures to prevent backlash and violence.

For information or to download the kit, go to:  
[www.cair-net.org](http://www.cair-net.org)

- **Don't Forget to Sign Up for OEM Email Alerts**

Go to: [www.nyc.gov/html/oem/home.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/home.html)



- **Ready New York Guides Available in Hard Copy or Online**

To order Ready New York household preparedness guides, call 311.

To view or download household preparedness guides, go to:  
[www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/readynewyork/home.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/readynewyork/home.html)

Available in multiple languages.

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## Updated Resource List for Case Management/Mental Health Services

- **Where to Refer 9/11 Victims for Case Management**

The following agencies are continuing to offer case management services:

- **American Red Cross**

Call Center: 877-746-4987  
Will pre-screen callers and make referrals to case management agencies providing client services  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)



- **Catholic Charities - Archdiocese of New York**

Julie Andrade: 212-795-6860 ext. 26  
[www.catholiccharitiesny.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org)



- **Catholic Charities - Diocese of Brooklyn (and Queens)**

Lester Szymanski: 718-337-6590  
[www.catholiccharitiesny.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org)

- **Islamic Circle of North America - Relief**

General: 718-523-5100  
Special needs, referrals and financial assistance for mental health related cases  
[www.reliefonline.org](http://www.reliefonline.org)



- **Lutheran Social Services - Project Life**

General: 800-729-9209  
Elba Felix/Marc Herstein: 212-748-3521 / 3520  
[www.ldrny.org](http://www.ldrny.org)

- **Safe Horizon**

Toll Free Hotline: 866-689-HELP (4357)  
Will pre-screen callers and make referrals to case management agencies providing client services.

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



- **The Salvation Army World Trade Center Recovery Program**

Diana DoSantos: 718-523-3315 ext. 15  
Email: [diana\\_dosantos@salvationarmy-wtc.org](mailto:diana_dosantos@salvationarmy-wtc.org)

[www.salvationarmy-newyork.org](http://www.salvationarmy-newyork.org)



- **Where to Refer 9/11 Victims for Mental Health Services**

There are a number of services readily accessible for persons who have been impacted emotionally by 9/11 and would benefit from individual or group counseling and support. Below is a list of current programs and contact information:

- **Islamic Circle of North America - Relief**

General: 718-523-5100  
Referrals for mental health related cases



- **Karen Horney Clinic**

Dr. Tracy Simon, 212- 838-4333 ext. 218

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

- **Mental Health Association of NYC**

General: 800-LIFENET (800-543-3638)

Spanish: 877-AYUDESE (877-298-3373)

Asian: 877-990-8585

[www.9-11mentalhealth.org](http://www.9-11mentalhealth.org)

The 9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program

Provides financial assistance and referrals for mental health and substance abuse treatment to downtown residents, rescue and recovery workers, those who lost a family member, students attending nearby schools, and anyone who worked below Chambers Street or was in the area on 9/11. Funded by the American Red Cross September 11 Recovery Program and administered by the Mental Health Association of New York City.

- **Safe Horizon Counseling and Support Services**

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



### **9/11 Recovery Programs**

Provide crisis intervention and mental health services to anyone affected by events of 9/11. Services are available to adults, children, families and communities.

- **Family Assistance Center 9/11 Counseling and Support Services**

Heather Trish, 212-729-5516

Individual counseling and support groups to anyone affected by 9/11, including family members of victims, those injured, evacuated, or displaced and anyone who witnessed the events of 9/11.

- **Project Rescue & Recovery**

General: 347-328-8110

Provides mental health and psychiatric services to any staff or volunteer involved with 9/11 rescue and recovery efforts and their families.

- **September 11th Support Hotline**

866-689-HELP (4357)

Provides information, support and referral to mental health for individuals affected by 9/11. Service available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Bilingual staff and interpretation services are available.

- **Counseling Center**

347-328-8110

NYS-licensed mental health clinic in downtown Brooklyn specializes in meeting the complex needs of individuals and families who have been victims of crime and abuse or impacted by a traumatic event such as 9/11. Qualified teams of multi-lingual licensed mental health professionals and psychiatrists staff the center.

- **Child and Adolescent Trauma Treatment Services (Cats Program)**

212-729-5555

Provides mental health treatment and services to children and adolescents, ages 7-18, affected by trauma, domestic violence, community violence, or physical/sexual abuse.

- **St. Vincent WTC Healing Services**

General: 212-346-2582

Chinese speaking: 646-286-2686

Offers free and confidential counseling and support services for adults, adolescents, and children who have been impacted by 9/11, located at 170 Broadway Suite 1208, New York, NY 10038

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



- **The Infant/Toddler/Preschool Post-9/11 Initiative**

Deborah Carroll, Clinical Coordinator, 212-809-6252 ext 207

Screenings, counseling and referrals for children, ages 2-8, who may be having post 9/11 difficulties and who lived/attended or live/attend school below Canal Street.

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## We Recommend...

- Escaping from trains under river is now easier, article from The Star-Ledger: [www.nj.com/news/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-1/112097174643380.xml&coll=1](http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/index.ssf?/base/news-1/112097174643380.xml&coll=1)
- OEM offers guide on subway safety [www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/readynewyork/info\\_subway.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/readynewyork/info_subway.html)

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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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