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Welcome to **NYDISnet**, our bi-weekly e-newsletter. We hope this resource will keep you updated about the work of NYDIS and developments in disaster readiness, response and recovery initiatives here in New York City.

When an emergency situation arises in New York City - our office will send out a **NYDISnet ALERT** to all subscribers. The alert will include all official information available through the NYC Office of Emergency Management and news from our members and partners.

Please feel free to copy and distribute any information from **NYDISnet** that you find helpful. If you would like to distribute **NYDISnet** to your agency staff or faith community leaders please let us know - we're happy to provide that service free of charge.

Faithfully, Peter

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Executive Director & CEO

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NYDIS NEWS AND EVENTS

■ NYDIS at CWS Forum on "Building Human Security"

Peter Gudaitis, Executive Director, and Susan Lockwood, Director of Disaster Planning and Training, were on the faculty of Church World Service's Forum on Domestic Disaster Ministry held at Princeton University, March 25-28. The conference was modeled as a best-practices "think tank" examining the changing need of response to natural and human-made disasters. Participants identified best practices and training programs, formulated recommendations of future needs, and explored new models of community-based and faith-based disaster recovery. Gudaitis gave a presentation on Katrina evacuee relief and recovery efforts in New Orleans and New York City. Gudaitis and Lockwood also gave a presentation on the role of the faith communities and houses of worship during mass evacuations.



For more information on the Church World Service's Emergency Response Program, go to:

www.cwserp.org

■ NYDIS Staff Observe OEM TRIFECTA

Susan Lockwood was an observer at TRIFECTA, a major multi-agency field exercise conducted by the NYC Office of Emergency Management on March 26. The seven-hour, real-time drill was designed to test the City's response to a



weapons of mass destruction incident on a rail line. Over 1500 emergency responders participated in TRIFECTA that began with a mock explosion at the Maspeth rail yard and included participation by the Fire and Police Departments, as well as the Department of Environmental Protection, the Medical Examiner's Office and NYDIS member, the Salvation Army of Greater NY was a participating agency. NYDIS partner, Disaster Chaplaincy Services (DCS), also attended as an observer.

To read more about the drill, go to:

www.nyc.gov/html/oem

■ NYDIS and LMCC Meet with WTC Memorial Foundation

On March 30, NYDIS staff and representatives of the Lower Manhattan Clergy Council (LMCC) and the WTC Memorial Foundation met to discuss faith-based concerns related to the development of the WTC Memorial and Museum. Participants agreed to ongoing discussion on the following key points:



- The continued recognition of the site as a place of sacred burial
- Religious and ritual concerns related to preparations for the return and interment of human remains at the site
- To accommodate ritual burial needs of families and allow for religious individuals and groups to worship at the site
- Collaborating to engage Lower Manhattan houses of worship and other religious leaders in the development and programmatic support of the site
- To explore and accommodate reasonable ritual burial practices of faith communities

NYDIS is collaborating with Rabbi Simkha Weintraub from JBFCS to collect theological statements regarding burial rites and practices of major faith traditions in order to inform this process. To download Rabbi Weintraub's White Paper, [click here](#) (pdf).

Contact Rabbi Simkha Weintraub at:

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sweintraub@jbfc.org

For more information contact Peter Gudaitis at:

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pgudaitis@nydis.org

■ NYDIS/OEM Hold Preparedness Training at Gurdwara

The NYC Office of Emergency Management and NYDIS held its first of six co-sponsored trainings on April 5 at Gurdwara Baba Makhan Shah Lubana in Queens. OEM staff Herman Shaeffer and Amber Greene, and NYDIS staff Peter Gudaitis and Susan Lockwood, gave presentations and provided information on personal and household preparedness, as well as congregational preparedness and resources to over 100 members of the Queens community and the Sikh Gurdwara. Master



Mohinder Singh of the Gurdwara honored the presenters for their service with saffron stoles. Pritpal Singh and Manbeena Kaur with the Sikh Coalition were also involved in the planning of the event.

The next training is:

Wednesday, May 24, 6:30-8:30 pm
Central Synagogue, 123 E. 55th St., Manhattan
Register online at www.nydis.org/oem2006

If your congregation is interested in a Ready New York presentation that focuses on an all-hazards approach to personal, congregational and community preparedness, contact:

Susan Lockwood, Director, Planning & Training
212.669.6104
slockwood@nydis.org

www.queenstribune.com/news/1143746792.html

■ NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Updates

- **Client Inquiry Form Now Available Online**

To access the form, go to:

www.nydis.org/unmetneeds/7.php



- **In-Service Training for Case Workers**

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. All training sessions take place at NYDIS ([map](#)).

- **Monday, May 1 – 1:00-3:30 pm**
- **Monday, May 29 – 1:00-3:30 pm**
- **Monday, June 26 – 1:00-3:30 pm**

- **Roundtable Schedule**

The NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable brings together donors with agencies providing case management to 9/11 victims. Case Workers who would like to present a case must sign-up by Friday prior to the meeting of the Roundtable.

- **Thursday, April 20 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, May 4 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, May 18 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, June 1 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**

To sign up for In-Service Training or to present a case, contact:
Maggie Jarry, Moderator:

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mjarry@nydis.org

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

■ Katrina Recovery Resources

Latest Updates and Resources

For the latest information, please visit:

- **FEMA Update on Katrina Evacuees in NYC**

According to FEMA records, 5,096 applicants last reported their locations to be in New York State. As of March 27, FEMA reports:



2,457 of those were in New York City:

- 1,055 Manhattan
- 289 Bronx
- 463 Queens
- 679 Brooklyn
- 100 Staten Island

595 in Nassau and Suffolk Counties

358 in Westchester and Rockland Counties

For a map showing Evacuee households per zip code for NYC, created by NYC OEM, [click here](#) (pdf).

- **Art for Relief**

Praxis Housing Initiatives is raising money through "Art for Relief" to support the recovery and resettlement of evacuees in NYC. New York's leading artists and galleries are contributing works of art in a Silent Auction and Reception on May 16, "A Night for Katrina Survivors", which will feature over 50 works from artists such as Christo, Chuck Close, William Kentridge, Red Grooms, Joe Brainard, James Sienna, Nancy Chunn and many others. In addition, some artists are contributing limited print editions and an "Art for Relief" poster which are available for purchase.



For information and to support the campaign please visit: www.nyc4katrina.com

Funds raised will be distributed to a Katrina Evacuee Unmet Needs Roundtable currently being established by NYDIS. For information on the Roundtable, contact:

Gili Chupak, Director, Katrina Evacuee Recovery
212.669.6108
gchupak@nydis.org

- **New Orleans Elections Resources**

Evacuees from New Orleans may be able to vote absentee in the Orleans Parish election for Mayor, City Council and other municipal offices. The election is scheduled for April 22 with a run-off scheduled for May 20. For more information on registering and voting by absentee ballot see the resources below:

- Election Protection Coalition:
1.866.OUR.VOTE (1.866.687.8683)
www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/home/home.html
- [Election Protection Guide \(pdf\)](#)
- The Louisiana Secretary of State:
elections@sos.louisiana.gov
1.800.883.2805

- NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund website:
www.katrinavote.org

- **Student Volunteers May Be at Risk in Gulf Coast**

Healthy Kids reports that people living and working in the hurricane-damaged and flood-contaminated areas, and those considering joining in the demolition, clean-up and recovery work, urgently need accurate information about the hazards and how to protect themselves. In NYC, a lack of knowledge about the toxicity levels at ground zero has critically affected the health of thousands of relief workers. Many student-volunteers, some as young as 14, are at risk of developing acute and life-long environmental and occupational diseases in the hurricane-damaged and flood-contaminated areas of LA, as confirmed by testing done by Subra Company/Louisiana Environmental Action Network.



For more information, go to:

www.healthy-kids.info
www.leanweb.org/katrina

- **Child Trauma Overlooked in Katrina Recovery**

As many as 100,000 children could develop post-traumatic stress disorder in the wake of Hurricane Katrina according to sociologist, Lori Peek of Colorado State University, and that six months after Hurricane Katrina, children will start showing symptoms of trauma. Peek's research found that the number-one priority for kids is to help them re-establish a sense of routine and normalcy. "Children are not passive in disasters," she said. "Some of them can minimize their own loss...writing songs and playing games."

To read more, visit:

www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3102

- **NYU Wagner's Series on Katrina Aftermath**

Hosted by the Women of Color Policy Network, the Taub Urban Research Center, and the Institute for Civil Infrastructure Systems at NYU Wagner, this panel brings together researchers, policy experts, and community organizers for a discussion of the factors which contributed to the scope of the disaster, the current situation in New Orleans, and the challenges faced in moving forward. This event is free and open to the public and is from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at NYU Wagner, 2nd Floor Conference Room, the Puck Building, 295 Lafayette St. at Houston St. Seating is limited and advanced registration is required.



- **Tuesday, April 18**

The Hurricane and New Orleans Civil and Environmental Infrastructure

Contact:

Annie Pennola
Director, Special Events, NYU Wagner
212.998.7434
annie.pennola@nyu.edu

Register online at:

www.wagner.nyu.edu/events/katrina.php

■ 9/11 Mental Health/Substance Abuse Program Deadlines

The 9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program has been providing financial assistance with treatment costs to thousands of people who were directly affected by the September 11th terrorist attacks. The 9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program will be ending in late 2007, nearly two years from now.

The 9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program

Critical deadline dates:

- **Enrollment Deadline: January 2, 2007**
Anyone eligible is encouraged to enroll. Enrolling leaves open the opportunity to access services throughout 2007.
- **Last Date of Service Covered: December 31, 2007**
- **Last Day to File Claims: March 31, 2008**

Aside from these deadlines, there are no changes to the 9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program. All treatment covered by the program remains exactly the same and all outpatient and medication claims will continue to be processed by QualCare, Inc.

If you have any questions about how the program works, these deadlines, or how to file claims, please contact a MHA benefit coordinator:

212.614.6383 or 866.807.5994

www.9-11MentalHealth.org

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FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

• PAWB Provides Relief Workers Psychosocial Training

Psychosocial Assistance Without Borders (PAWB) helps disaster relief workers with mental relief and rehabilitation. PAWB's psycho-educational and behavioral teaching tools train crisis-responders in psycho-social first aid techniques, provide training and prevention measures to combat these occupational hazards and employ alternative healing practices.

Contact Siddharth Shah, MD, MPH, Director at:
917.405.3316

pawb99@gmail.com

www.pawb.cfsites.org

For more information, download:

[PAWB Fact Sheet \(pdf\)](#)

• WCC "Power of Recovery" Workshops

World Cares Center will host the Columbia University Resilience Enhancement (CURE) workshop program, developed and conducted by senior faculty from



Columbia University. The CURE program has been specially designed for individuals who have been affected by the 9/11 attacks. Though this program is not a treatment for PTSD, depression, or other psychological conditions, staff can assist in treatment referral.

CURE workshops are conducted in five weekly meetings at September Space Lower Manhattan, 11 Broadway, 11th floor. The next workshops are:

Group B: Tuesdays, May 16-June 13, 12:00-2:00 pm

Group C: Tuesdays, June 20-July 25, 5:30-7:30 pm

The CURE program is offered at NO COST. For more information and to participate, contact Kathryn Moroney:
646.289.3098

kmoroney@worldcares.org

www.columbiatrauma.org

www.worldcares.org

- **DCS Offers Disaster Chaplaincy Training**

For clergy or religious leaders interested in helping people affected by disasters, Disaster Chaplaincy Services (DCS, formerly DSCS-NY) will train, credential or deploy those interested in providing spiritual care during NYC disasters and emergencies.



For more information contact:

646.879.9029

info@dcs-ny.org

www.disasterchaplaincy.org

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PREPAREDNESS CORNER

- **Risk Management Training Offered On-Line**

The Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI) is offering free risk management courses that can be accessed by going on their website. New training courses will be added throughout 2006 on topics such as risk management for small business, levee vulnerability, and terrorism prevention.



For more information, contact Claire Reiss:

703.352.1846

creiss@riskinstitute.org

To access the courses, go to:

www.riskinstitute.org/test.php?pid=page&tid=88

- **DHS Launches "Ready Kids"**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the



Advertising Council are presenting a new website to help parents and teachers educate children about emergencies. Along with games and puzzles, it features step-by-step instructions on what families can do to better prepare for emergencies and the roles kids can play in that effort. In-school materials developed by Scholastic provide teachers and parents with a vehicle to explain important emergency preparedness to children.



For the "Ready Kids" website, go to:
www.ready.gov/kids

■ Is Your House of Worship Prepared?

Susan Lockwood is available to discuss disaster preparedness at your house of worship. She can give the OEM Ready New York presentation on household preparedness, show what goes in a Go Bag, discuss how houses of worship can be prepared, or discuss topics of special interest to you, such as self-care, disaster ministry, and disaster spiritual care.



To schedule a talk, contact Susan at:
212.669.6104
slockwood@nydis.org

■ NYC Pocket Preparedness Guide Available Online

Check out the latest resources from the New York City Office of Emergency Management, including a pocket-size Ready New York Guide! To order, call 311 in New York City.



Information and other preparedness resources are available at:
www.nyc.gov/html/orm/html/readynewyork/home.html

■ Worst Case Scenarios Could Involve Trains

Sociologist Lee Clarke, a professor at Rutgers University and author of "*Worst Cases*", researches worst-case scenarios. Speaking at the Church World Service Forum on Domestic Disaster Ministry at Princeton University March 25-27 to an audience that has responded to virtually every major disaster, he stated that trains have the potential for death and destruction. "It really is a system that fails all the time. But the potential is there and it's not being looked at. It has virtually no oversight. I worry about that more than nuclear power plants. The trains carry the most dangerous stuff around," he explained. "Trains go through every city in the country. They fall off their tracks all the time. It's not because of callous people in industry, although they do say they can regulate themselves," he said.

Contact Professor Clarke at:
lee@leeclarke.com

■ NYC Continues Research and Planning for Avian Flu

The NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene and the NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) are working together to strengthen the city's Pandemic Flu Plan.



For more information, go to:

www.pandemicflu.gov

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/cd/cd-avianflu-fs.shtml

■ Trauma Studies Training Program

The International Trauma Studies Program (ITSP), based at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, is offering its September 2006-May 2007 program in trauma studies and community response to catastrophes. In addition to trauma theory and intervention, the practice of trauma responses through practical skill building for everyday work and life are emphasized. Located at 155 Avenue of the Americas. Admission deadline is May 31.

For more information, contact: Jack Saul, Director:
212.691.6499

info@itspnyc.org

To download applications:

www.itspnyc.org/ITSP_Application0607.pdf (pdf)

www.itspnyc.org/ITSP_Application0607.doc (ms word)

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SAVE THE DATE

- **NYDIS/OEM Ready New York Training**



*Helping Houses of Worship
Better
Prepare in the Event of a
Disaster*



NYDIS has teamed with the NYC OEM to provide six exciting and informative Ready New York events throughout the year on emergency preparedness. These free events focus on an all-hazard approach to personal, congregational, and community preparedness and are open to everyone of all faiths in each community. Refreshments will be served.

Dates, Times, and House of Worship Locations

Wednesday, May 24, 6:30-8:30 pm

Central Synagogue, Manhattan: 123 E. 55th St.

Tuesday, June 13, 6:30-8:30 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Staten Island: 225 St. Paul's Ave.

Sunday, August 13, 6:30-8:30 pm

Islamic Society of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn: 6807 5th Ave.

Tuesday, September 12, 6:30-8:30 pm

St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church, Bronx: 1315 Olmstead Ave.

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30-8:30 pm

Salvation Army-Harlem Temple, Manhattan: 540 Lenox Ave.

To register to attend one of these events, go to:
www.nydis.org/oem2006

If you require any special accommodations, please contact NYDIS at least five days before the event.

For more information about the events, call NYDIS:
212.669.6100

For more information about the NYC Office of Emergency Management's Ready New York Program, please visit:
www.nyc.gov/readyny

- **Disaster/Trauma Survivors Treatment Conference**

Friday, April 21, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
State University of New York at New Paltz



An all-day event organized by the Institute for Disaster Mental Health.

For itinerary and registration information, download:
www.nydis.org/resources/materials/DMHI_Conference_Brochure.pdf

For further information contact:
845.257.3477
IDMH@newpaltz.edu

- **Forum on Anti-Racist Organizing**

Wednesday, May 3, 5:30-9:00 pm
Hunter College School of Social Work
79th St. and Lexington Ave.



Upon witnessing the victimization of Louisiana's poorest inhabitants during Katrina's devastating effects, hear the Undoing Racism Project's findings on applying the tactics and principles of anti-racist organizing in a disaster and engage in strategic dialogues to build relationships. Presented by the Anti-Racist Alliance.

RSVP to:
undoingracism@gmail.com

For more information, contact Sandy Bernabei at:
914.723.3222 option #2
ssbernabei@aol.com

www.antiracistalliance.com

- **Disaster Mental Health Impact and Recovery Seminar**

Tuesday, May 9, 6:00-8:00 pm
The New School's Lang Student Center, Arnhold Hall
55 West 13th Street



National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI-NYC) presents the "Impact and Recovery" seminar, where speakers Anand Pandya, MD, and Craig Katz, MD, editors of "*Disaster Psychiatry*:"

Intervening When Nightmares Come True", will review normal and potentially abnormal responses to man-made and natural disasters; and how to help ourselves and others to cope emotionally after a disaster.

Call the NAMI-NYC Helpline to RSVP:
212.684.3264

www.nami-nyc-metro.org/event1.htm

- **14th Annual National VOAD Conference**

Tuesday, May 9 - Friday, May 12
Hilton North Raleigh
3415 Wake Forest Road
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609



"Lighting The Way Together" will be the theme for this National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster Conference.

To register, [click here](#).

For more information, go to:
www.nvoad.org/annualconf1.php

- **Community and Economic Recovery Conference**

Tuesday, May 16 - Wednesday, May 17
Sheraton New Orleans
500 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130



"Restoration 2006" is designed to empower government officials, non-profit and community representatives with useful information, strategies and connections to aid in long-term and sustainable community and economic redevelopment after a disaster. To learn more, contact:

restoration2006@icma.org

www.restoration2006.org

- **LI/NYC Emergency Management Conference**

"Back to Basics"
Wednesday, May 31 - Thursday, June 1
Huntington Hilton
598 Broadhollow Rd
Melville, NY 11747



For details, go to:
www.linycemconference.com

- **NYDIS 2006 Clergy Preparedness Summit**

Thursday, June 1
NYU Kimmel Center
60 Washington Square South
New York, NY 10012



The third annual one-day conference for clergy and religious leaders. Further details will be available in NYDISnet and at www.nydis.org.

- **NYCOSH AWARDS**

Wednesday, June 7, 6:00 - 8:30 pm



United Federation of Teachers Office
52 Broadway
New York, NY 10004



NYCOSH's 27th Anniversary Awards Celebration honors Richard Iannuzzi, President, New York State United Teachers, Gerald Markowitz and David Rosner, authors of Deceit and Denial: The Deadly Politics of Industrial Pollution, Fifth Avenue Committee, Janet Foley, CSEA Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 420, Municipal Hospital Employees Union, and District Council 37, AFSCME. To purchase tickets, [click here](#) (pdf).

For more information, contact NYCOSH at:
212.227.6440 x10

www.nycosh.org

- **CISM Training**

Thursday, June 15 - Sunday, June 18
The Interchurch Center
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115



The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) is holding its 4-day Regional Conference, co-sponsored by Disaster Chaplaincy Services (DCS), with classes geared to chaplains working in disaster and crisis situations.

For registration details, go to:

www.icisf.org

- **NY State VOAD Human Services Conference**

Tuesday, June 27 - Wednesday, June 28
Long Island University
C.W. Post Campus
720 Northern Blvd.
Brookville, NY 11548



For details on the workshops and to register, contact:

Rebecca Buzon, NYSVOAD Coordinator
585.328.3380 ext. 127

rebecca@foodlinkny.org

www.nysvoad.com

- **NSIS's First Regional Conference**

Wednesday, September 6 - Thursday, September 7
Atlanta Hilton
Atlanta, GA

The National Security & Intelligence Society (NSIS) is hosting "Securing Houses of Worship: Putting on the Full Armor of God", to address all levels of readiness, response, recovery and security for houses of worship during natural, man-induced and national security emergencies. There are 15 sessions, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and a dinner networking reception for \$395.



Register at: www.nsiscorp.com

Contact Ty Fairman at 877.378.0166 toll free.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN DISASTER SERVICES

- **FEMA Job Openings**

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[Program Specialist – Grade 12 \[Headquarters\]](#)



- **Safe Horizon Seeks Community Outreach Coordinator**

Reporting to the Director of Emergency Planning and Preparedness, the Community Outreach Coordinator will manage the development and maintenance of the New York City CAN disaster resource database, including outreach, data collection and entry; maintain contact with agencies that provide disaster human services; integrate the CAN technology initiatives with Safe Horizon's case management system and resource database project; and other activities.



To apply, mail or fax resume with cover letter to Jeremiah Dameron, Director, Safe Horizon, 2 Lafayette Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10007. Fax: 212.577.3039.

www.safehorizon.org

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www.plainviews.org

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www.nydis.org

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