



NET

May 24, 2006

**BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR
READINESS, RESPONSE, AND RECOVERY**

NYDIS Links

[Visit the NYDIS Website](#)

[Sign up a Friend](#)

[Make a Contribution](#)

DEAR FRIENDS OF NYDIS:

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

PETER B. GUDAITIS, M.DIV.
Executive Director & CEO

If you have some news to share or an upcoming event to publicize please contact yperry@nydis.org

NYDIS
22 CORTLAND ST.
20th FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

OFFICE: 212.669.6100
FAX: 212.669.6101
www.NYDIS.org

To unsubscribe, go to the bottom of this message.

[Download PDF version](#)

HEADLINES

- **NYDIS' Third Annual Clergy Summit – Register Now**
- **NYDIS Offers Interfaith Workshop at NVOAD**
- **NYDIS Staff Part of Katrina Evacuee Service Team Award**
- **NYDIS ED Speaks on Biosecurity Ethics Panel**
- **NYDIS ED to Present at Gulf Disaster Recovery Symposium**
- **NYDIS ED to Speak At NYS VOAD Conference**
- **NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Updates**
- **ARC Seeks Community Shelter/Faith-Based Partners**
- **KATRINA Recovery Resources**
- **WTC Evacuation Works with NYDIS on 9/11**
- **From Our Members and Partners**
- **Preparedness Corner**
- **Save The Date**
- **Job Opportunities in Disaster Services**
- **We Recommend**
- **Make a Gift To NYDIS**

NYDIS NEWS AND EVENTS

■ **NYDIS' Third Annual Clergy Summit – Register Now**

Empowering Congregations and Communities through Disaster Preparedness

[Register now](#) for NYDIS' Third Annual Clergy Summit, to be held on Thursday, June 1, 8:30 am-4:00 pm, at NYU Kimmel Center. The day-long event will focus on best practices for clergy and religious leaders to empower and protect their congregations and communities through disaster preparedness.

The event is free – breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Registration deadline: Friday, May 26 – Space is limited to 250

To register:

www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/04-24-06.php

Free Continental Breakfast & Registration (8:30 am)

Morning Plenary (9-12noon): Lessons Learned from Katrina

From New Orleans

- Keynote Address: **Bishop Charles Jenkins**, Episcopal Diocese

of Louisiana

- Presentation: **The Rev. David Billings**, Coordinator, NYC Office, People's Institute for Survival & Beyond, Anti-Racism Training & Organizing

From NYC: A Panel from Faith Communities Assisting with Katrina Relief

- **The Rev. James Pullings**, Pastor, Leviticus Church of God in Christ, Queens
- **Mohammad T. Rahman**, Islamic Circle of North America—Relief
- **Linda Reed-Brown**, Church World Service

New Orleans Jazz by Local Musicians

Free Buffet Lunch (12noon-12:30 pm)

Afternoon Training Exercise (12:30-4 pm): Learning for the Future

- Presentation: **Dr. Lee Clark**, Rutgers University Sociologist Author, *Worst Cases: Terror & Catastrophes in the Popular Imagination*
- Tabletop Exercise for House of Worship and their roles in Coastal Storm Evacuation With Disaster Chaplaincy Services & the NYC Office of Emergency Management

For more information contact:

The Rev. Susan Lockwood, Director, Disaster Planning & Training
212.669.6100

slockwood@nydis.org

■ **NYDIS Offers Interfaith Workshop at NVOAD**

In Raleigh NC, on May 9-12, NVOAD convened its 14th Annual National Conference, "Lighting Our Way, Together". Almost 500 participants collaborated, shared and attended workshops that covered topics ranging from spiritual care to long-term recovery. Peter Gudaitis offered a workshop to over 70 attendees on how to build a disaster interfaith recovery partnership. He demonstrated some of the recovery initiatives that NYDIS has successfully implemented, particularly post-9/11 and Katrina efforts and he emphasized the importance of building mitigation and communications tools to support this type of program.

Disaster News Network's reporter interviewed Gudaitis about NYDIS' new database that tracks disaster-related information for houses of worship across New York City, and which will serve as a template for other cities around the country. "Anything that can help be an equalizer in the community is really vital," said Gudaitis.

To read more about NYDIS's new database initiative:

www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3152

■ **NYDIS Staff Part of Katrina Evacuee Service Team Award**

At a luncheon ceremony on Ellis Island on May 17, Peter Gudaitis joined Gili Chupak, Director, Katrina Evacuee Recovery, who received the



New York State Federal Executive Board's 2006 Direct Customer Service Award, as part of the



"Katrina Evacuee Interagency Team FEMA and Partners-NY and NJ". This interagency team provided frontline, one-on-one services to families in need. Gili's work on behalf of Katrina evacuees in NYC was honored along with many of NYDIS's partners such as FEMA, HSC NYC, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Safe Horizon, ARC and The Salvation Army GNY who were included in a total of 21 government and nonprofit agencies.

www.newyorkcity.feb.gov

■ NYDIS ED Speaks on Biosecurity Ethics Panel

Peter Gudaitis participated in the "Citizen Engagement in Health Emergency Planning Roundtable" in "The Public's Stake in Health



Emergency Planning", a U.S. and Canada Summit convened by The Center for Biosecurity of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center on May 23 in Washington, DC. Leaders in government, public health, and disaster management were advised on the practical feasibility and societal benefits of engaging citizens in health emergency planning in anticipation of the scarcity of life-saving medical resources and the logistical complexities of protecting the well and caring for the sick in large numbers.

Conference findings will be posted at:

www.upmc-biosecurity.org

■ NYDIS ED to Present at Gulf Disaster Recovery Symposium

Executive Director Peter Gudaitis has been invited to speak about developing interfaith recovery initiatives and how NYC has responded to serve Katrina Evacuee families' needs at the Gulf States Disaster Recovery Symposium to be held at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, FL on from Monday, June 5 to Tuesday, June 6. Symposium topics will include recovery projects, affordable housing innovations, available services/resources and existing or emerging special needs.



For program schedule and to register:

www.findflorida.org

For more information, contact:

Jody Hill, Executive Director, FIND
352.796.8387

■ NYDIS ED to Speak At NYS VOAD Conference

Tuesday, June 27 - Wednesday, June 28

Long Island University

C.W. Post Campus

720 Northern Blvd.

Brookville, Long Island, NY



Peter Gudaitis, who will serve as a panelist on different topics during the conference, will also teach a workshop on interfaith disaster preparedness, "Disaster Interfaith in Preparedness and Response."

For details on the workshops:
Rebecca Buzon, NYSVOAD Coordinator
585.328.3380 x127
rebecca@foodlinkny.org

Register here:
www.nysvoad.com

■ NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Updates

• Client Inquiry Form Now Available Online

To access the form:
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](#)).

- **Tuesday, May 30 – 3:00-5:00 pm**
- **Monday, June 12 – 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. Due to the influx of cases which need presenting, the 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable will be adding an additional Wednesday date each month. There will now be three meetings a month, instead of two.

- **Wednesday, May 24 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, June 1 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, June 15 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, June 21 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**

To sign up for In-Service Training or to present a case, contact Maggie Jarry, Moderator:
212.669.6105
mjarry@nydis.org

[Return to top](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

■ ARC Seeks Community Shelter/Faith-Based Partners

The American Red Cross (ARC) urges everyone to be prepared as the Hurricane season begins and is seeking partnerships with community-based organizations for community sheltering. ARC will provide the training, verify that the shelter is safe and meets ARC standards, and cover the expenses (food, equipment & liability). The "partner" would provide the volunteers and/or the facility, and ARC would train the volunteers to work in the shelter as a team. The shelters could be located at your church, school or facility, or volunteers could be assigned to an ARC shelter location. Your organization would "adopt" a shelter to run as a team with ARC's support and guidance.



Please contact Esther Bevers-Ng:
516.747.3500 x224
beversng@usa.redcross.org

■ KATRINA Recovery Resources

For a comprehensive list of news, updates and resources on Katrina evacuees in NYC and for more information on NYDIS's Katrina Evacuee Recovery Program:
www.nydis.org/katrina

● **New Orleans Re-Elects Mayor Nagin**

On Saturday May 20, New Orleans voted 52% to 48% for incumbent Mayor C. Ray Nagin over Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu. Although the voting was split along racial lines, both candidates received 1/5 crossover votes which analysts believe bodes well considering the deep racial division exposed by Hurricane Katrina. 2300 absentee ballots were cast and many evacuees traveled to New Orleans to vote. The 38% turnout was slightly better than during the primary election. Evacuees in NYC were able to vote absentee thanks in part to efforts by NYDIS (see resource link below) and New Yorkers for the Gulf Coast. In addition, free transportation to and from New Orleans was provided by the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

www.nydis.org/katrina

● **Katrina Children Abandoned**

In an Op-Ed piece in The NY Times on May 9, Dr. Irwin Redlener reported that in the Gulf area, unmet health care needs among displaced families are far worse than any of us imagined. There are children with chronic illness, have no more access to medical care and exhibit symptoms of emotional or behavioral disorders. They urgently require an emergency relief package that directly addresses their most pressing health care needs. \$100 million could support a force of at least 200 pediatricians and family doctors, 100 specially trained mental health workers, 25 mobile medical units and a much strengthened school-based health care network throughout the gulf region.

To read his entire article, [click here](#).

■ WTC Evacuation Works with NYDIS on 9/11 Unmet Needs

WTC Evacuation Study is currently nominating charities that are working with 9/11 survivors, and will make a donation for every participant to the charity with the highest nominations. They have been interviewing those who evacuated from the Twin Towers, the most comprehensive study of the WTC evacuation ever. People who evacuated from the WTC Twin Towers hold the key to improving building regulations and design tools. The next round of interviews in NYC runs through May 26.



To register:
fseq2.gre.ac.uk/HEED/registration/index.asp

For evacuation emergency safety tips:
fseg2.gre.ac.uk/HEED/Email/safety_tips/index.html

www.wtc-evacuation.com

[Return to top](#)

From Our Members And Partners

- **LDRNY Changes Leadership**

After six months of sabbatical time to discern God's call for his life, LDRNY's Executive Director John J. Scibilia Jr. has decided not to return to the organization. As of May 10, LDRNY is being managed by a team from both the Metropolitan New York Synod and the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The organization will continue to be guided by Bishop Stephen Bouman, its president, and Dr. David Benke, vice president. Mikki Baloy, LDRNY coordinator, will continue to oversee day-to-day administration of LDRNY. LDRNY has done many great things under John Scibilia's vision and leadership, and we wish him God's blessings as he moves on to other endeavors. As the fifth anniversary of 9/11 approaches, LDRNY continues to serve as a ministry of comfort and renewal.



www.LDRNY.org

- **Salvation Army Decentralizes WTC Assistance**

The Salvation Army of Greater NY's WTC Recovery office on East 52nd St. will officially close as of June 30. By that date the Salvation Army will be referring all remaining active WTC clients to case managers at its Corps Community Centers throughout Manhattan. Over the next four months, The Salvation Army will partner with NYDIS's 9/11 Outreach Coordinator, Mariam Mahmud, to send as many cases as possible to the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable to secure sustainable recovery support. Additionally, NYDIS staff will train the Army's Community Center caseworkers to effectively assist WTC clients and to continue to utilize the Roundtable. "We will continue to assist any remaining WTC victims and their families as long as we are needed", said Major John Hodgson, Secretary for Program. Peter Gudaitis, NYDIS Executive Director, is committed to supporting the critical long-term recovery efforts of The Army and provide training for their personnel in Chinatown, Harlem, Greenwich Village and in Midtown.



Contact Mariam Mahmud at:
212.669-6100
mmahmud@nydis.org

- **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. The CURE program is offered at NO COST.

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

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

For more information and to participate, contact:

Kathryn Moroney

646.289.3098

kmoroney@worldcares.org

www.columbiatrauma.org

www.worldcares.org

- **CCNY & DCS Offer CISM Training in NYC**

Thursday, June 15 - Sunday, June 18

The Interchurch Center

475 Riverside Drive, Manhattan



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

For registration details:

www.icisf.org

[Return to top](#)

Preparedness Corner

- **West Nile Virus Alert**

Please download and pass on this latest alert form New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) regarding West Nile Virus.



www.nydis.org/resources/materials/DOHMH_West_Nile_Virus_Alert.pdf

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wnv/wnvhome.shtml

- **Hurricane Preparedness**

- **May 21-27 is National Hurricane Preparedness Week**

During a news conference Monday morning, May 22 at the National Hurricane Center, Deputy Secretary of Commerce, David Sampson noted, "Preparation is the key message that President Bush wants to convey during National Hurricane Preparedness Week. The impact from these storms



extends well beyond coastal areas so it is vital that residents in hurricane prone areas get ready in advance of the hurricane season."

www.nhc.noaa.gov/index.shtml

- **AccuWeather Forecasts New Storms**

Emphasizing the intensity and landfall locations of five expected hurricanes this year, AccuWeather meteorologists predict that three of them will be major. AccuWeather released a graphic of which parts of the U.S. would be most prone to a hurricane this season based on historical data



and trends and believes that from mid-August to early October, that hurricane strikes are likely to spread northward to the more densely populated Northeast coast. Meteorologist Bernie Rayno says that "...there is a dramatically increased likelihood that over the next five years the Northeast could be hit by a major hurricane. This could be the year."

To read more, [click here](#).

- **Senator Questions Allstate's Hurricane Cancellations**

In the wake of Allstate's decision to cancel, or non-renew, homeowners' insurance policies for coastal New Yorkers, State Sen. Jeff Klein who is on the Senate Consumer Protection Committee, announced the introduction of insurance reform legislation that would require insurers demonstrate potential risk/loss before canceling or non-renewing homeowners policies. "...Allstate is actually now even refusing to renew decades-old existing policies, leaving longtime policy holders high and dry."

To learn more about Sen. Klein's efforts:

www.nyssenate34.com/press_archive_story.asp?id=608

- **OEM's NYC Hurricane Flood Zone Map**

Coastal storms, including hurricanes, can and do affect New York City. It's important New Yorkers are prepared to respond quickly. Download the latest updated map link from NYC's Office of Emergency Management:



www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/emols/emols.html

- **Coastal Storms and Hurricanes in NYC Basics**

To download a copy of OEM's "Ready New York: Hurricanes and New York City", [click here](#).

- **ARC Urges Family Preparedness for Severe Weather**

The American Red Cross (ARC) urges families and communities to be prepared as the threat of severe weather looms



nearer to the East Coast. They provide shelters, meals and other emergency assistance to storm victims and

recommend the following precautions:

- Create and Practice a Family Disaster Plan
- Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit
- Heed Storm Warnings: Listen to local radio and TV
- Prepare Your Home for High Winds

For details, [click here](#).

Call ARC representatives:
202.303.5551

● **Pandemic Flu Preparedness**

- To download the White House's pandemic flu plan, "The Strategy for Pandemic Influenza":
www.whitehouse.gov/homeland/nspi.pdf



www.whitehouse.gov/homeland/pandemic-influenza.html

- **CDC Virologist Oversees Flu Study**

Named by TIME magazine as one of the Top 100 Scientists shaping our world, Nancy Cox, staff virologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is growing the bird-flu virus with a contagious human flu strain in her Atlanta lab. Under this controlled environment, her "...goal is to see if these gene combinations are actually viable or not."



To read more, [click here](#).

www.cdc.gov

- **New Cases Out of Indonesia**

On May 18, the Ministry of Health in Indonesia confirmed seven cases of human infection with the A(H5N1) Avian Flu virus. Six of the cases, an extended family in the village of Kubu Sembelang in North Sumatra, were fatal. This is the largest cluster of cases reported in any country and is being carefully investigated by WHO epidemiologists. They may have acquired their infection from a shared environmental exposure yet to be identified. The possibility of limited human-to-human transmission cannot be ruled out at present, although there is no evidence that infection has spread beyond members of this single extended family. No influenza-like illness has been identified in health care workers or other persons in close contact with the patients. If human-to-human transmission has occurred, it has not been either efficient or sustained.



For more information:

www.who.int/csr/don/2006_05_18b/en/index.html

For the latest news on the Avian Flu from the World Health Organization's Epidemic and Pandemic Alert and Response site:

www.who.int/csr/en

- **Migrating Birds Didn't Carry Flu in Africa and Europe**

On May 11, the New York Times reported that the migratory birds that flew south to Africa then over Europe were not carrying the Avian Flu virus, nor did they spread it during their migration season. With this news, many countries in Europe have begun to ease their restrictions on poultry. The AH5N1 virus does not now spread among humans; though worldwide, the flu has killed about 200 humans who were in very close contact with sick birds. Farm-based outbreaks still occur while some countries are making progress in containing the virus and reducing its spread.

To read more, [click here](#).

- **We All Can Help Deter the Spread of Flu**

Dr. Isaac Weisfuse, deputy commissioner of disease control in NYC's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, suggests people practice what he calls "respiratory etiquette." He advises, "...cover your cough, cover your sneezes, wash your hands. Although those sound like old-fashioned things, they are actually important in terms of interrupting transmission of a respiratory agent like flu."



Contact Dr. Weisfuse at:

iweisfus@health.nyc.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 File]

www.itspnyc.org/ITSP_Application0607.doc [Word]

- **Is Your House of Worship Prepared?**

Susan Lockwood, Director, Planning & Training, is available to train the leadership and congregation members of your house of worship in disaster preparedness. NYDIS teaches the OEM Ready New York course on personal and household preparedness, how to make a Go Bag, and how houses of worship should prepare for ministry continuity. This training also



offers instruction on self-care, disaster spiritual care, disaster management and ministry, and compassion fatigue.

To schedule a training, contact Susan:

212.669.6104

slockwood@nydis.org

- **Downloadable Ready NY Preparedness Guides**

OEM's Ready New York preparedness campaign is designed to help New Yorkers better prepare for all types of emergencies. The following preparedness guides and brochures are available online:



- Household Preparedness Guide
- Hurricanes and New York City
- Beat the Heat
- Seniors & People with Disabilities
- Emergency Planning for Small & Mid-Sized Companies
- Pet Preparedness
- Ready New York: Pocket Guide

To download these guides, [click here](#).

www.nyc.gov/html/oem

[Return to top](#)

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

TODAY! [Register Now!](#)

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:

www.nyc.gov/readyny

- **LI/NYC Emergency Management Conference**

"Back to Basics"

Wednesday, May 31 - Thursday, June 1

Huntington Hilton

598 Broadhollow Rd

Melville, Long Island, NY



For details, go to:

www.linycemconference.com

- **STAR-NYC's Trauma Awareness/Resilience Seminar**

Part I: Wednesday, July 12-Friday, July 14 and/or

Part II: Wednesday, August 2-Friday, August 4



Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) presents a two-part Introductory Training in Trauma Awareness and Resilience. Part I focuses on the Trauma Healing Journey and Part II focuses on Peacebuilding and Restorative Justice. Topics include Trauma Overview & Definitions, Trauma Healing Journey: Strategies for Breaking the Cycles of Victimhood/Violence and Trauma Interventions. The trainings will be held at Manhattan Church of Christ, 48 East 80th St. in Manhattan. Registration fee is \$75 or \$125 for both sessions. (Register by June 30 for Part I and by July 14 for Part II.) Breakfast and lunch will be provided free each day.

Religious leaders and caregivers dealing with traumatic situations are invited to apply. Download the application:

www.nydis.org/resources/materials/STAR_application.doc

For more information:

http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/STAR_invitation.pdf

www.emu.edu/ctp/star-intro.html

[Return to top](#)

Job Opportunities In Disaster Services

- **NYDIS, Director, Disaster Planning and Training**

We are seeking a program director to manage NYDIS's disaster mitigation education and preparedness training initiatives and our interagency and government disaster planning needs. The current director, The Rev. Susan Lockwood, is leaving this position effective June 15, 2006.

If you are interested in learning more about this position:

www.nydis.org/about/15.php

To apply, please email your Cover Letter and Resume to:

pgudaitis@nydis.org or fax to 212.669.6101.

- **Be a Docent for Ground Zero Tours**

The September 11th Families Association trains volunteer docents to lead tours of ground zero.

September 11th Families Association

www.911wvfa.org

[Return to top](#)

We Recommend

- **SAMSHA Fundamentals of Disaster Planning & Response**

SAMSHA has a number of excellent presentations on topics such as Key Concepts in Disaster Mental Health, Stress, Psychological First Aid, PTSD and Children and Trauma.



www.shs.net/samhsadr/contents.htm

- **Get the Latest from the Disaster News Network**

This website offers up-to-date news and information on hurricanes and other disasters; and also covers related topics such as preparedness and mitigation, public violence, environmental hazards, and terrorist disasters. A news service, it also facilitates information sharing among disaster responders.



www.disasternews.net


[Return to top](#)

Make A Gift To NYDIS

- **SUPPORT NYDIS — DONATE ONLINE**

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 Fl., New York, NY 10007. NYDIS is a 501(c)(3) corporation and





contributions are 100% tax deductible. It is a great way to honor or memorialize someone and we will send an acknowledgement of your gift.

To donate online, go to the NYDIS homepage and click "Make a Donation":

www.nydis.org

Want to receive NYDISnet via email? [Click here](#) for a free subscription!