

FRIENDS Peer Learning Call:
Disaster Preparedness and Response

September 27, 2023



How to Participate in Today's Discussion Session

Participant audio will be muted. Participants will be encouraged to unmute their lines to participate in discussion throughout the session.

We will also be monitoring questions through the Chat box and answering them at designated times during the discussion.

This session is being recorded and will be available for viewing once it has been archived. We will notify everyone by e-mail when it is available.



Overview

1. Dear Colleague letter – Federal guidance
2. Families and communities impacted by disasters – Federal report
3. Federal response to disasters
4. Role of human service programs to assist families and communities



Prepare with Pedro - Join Pedro and his friends to learn how to prepare for disasters! [Explore](#)

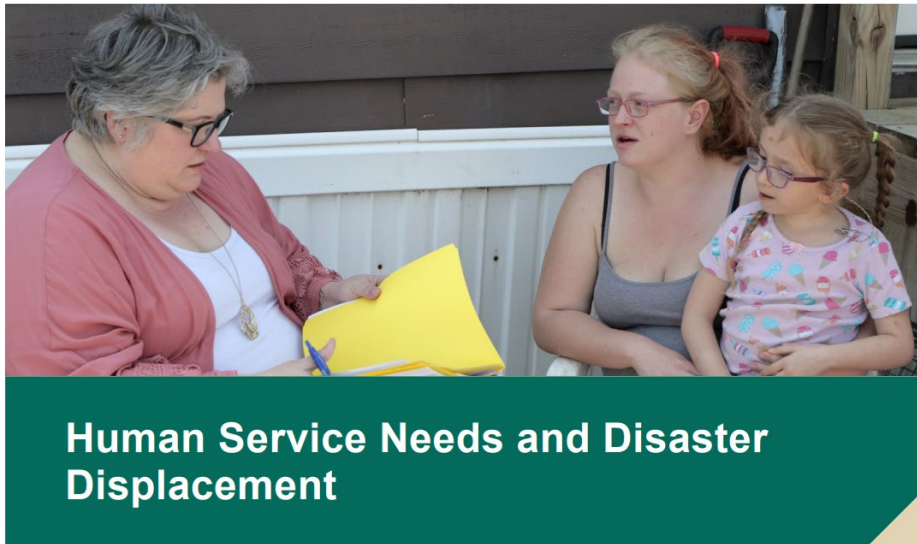


Dear Colleague Letter

Provision of community specific services and resources for disaster survivors that are accessible, and culturally and linguistically tailored to mitigate disparities in health and well-being and support resilience.



Human Service Needs and Disaster Displacement



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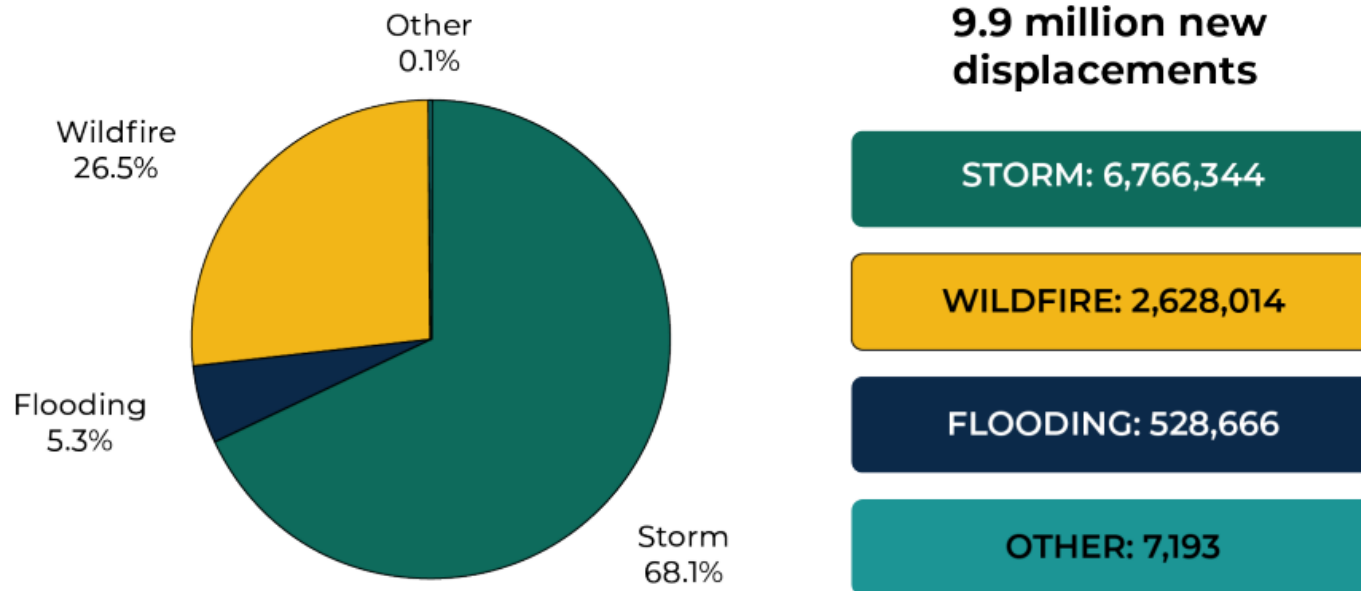
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Number of people displaced by disasters in the US from 2008 to 2020



Source: IDMC and NRC 2021.

Notes: The storm category includes hurricanes, heavy rains, tropical storms or thunderstorms, tornadoes, and blizzards. These incidents might lead to severe flooding, which could be recorded a second time in the data as either a flood incident or storm, depending on the circumstances and source of the data. That said, the separate flood category also captures independent incidents such as levee breaches and dam failures. The category for “other” includes volcanic eruption, earthquake, wet and dry mass movement (such as mudslides or rockslides), and extreme temperature.



Timeline of displacement and return to home

Exhibit IV.4. Example timelines of displacement and return

Middle-income family

Owns their home with at least one person in high-skilled job. Has access to personal transportation and a network of family and friends outside of the impacted community.

Voluntary evacuation with personal vehicle	Shelters with family in neighboring state	Returns to evaluate property damage and start filing insurance claims	Moves family into hotel in or close to impacted community while home is being repaired	Moves back into disaster home
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Post-disaster recovery 5-8 weeks



Low-income single mother

Works in service industry job, relies on public transportation, public assistance, and community organizations to meet their family's need.

Receives evacuation order, cannot self-evacuate	Attempts to wait out the storm, is evacuated by state emergency service vehicle	Arrives in host community and moves family into the emergency Red Cross shelter	Placed in temporary apartment by local nonprofit	Receives FEMA temporary housing assistance, rents private apartment	FEMA housing assistance expires; cannot afford apartment and is evicted	Temporarily shelters with members of local church	Moves family into faith-based public shelter in neighboring town, continues to struggle with long-term housing instability
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Post-disaster recovery 17-24 months

Sources: Bell 2008; Fothergill and Peek 2015; Levine et al. 2007; Wong et al. 2018



What are the most immediate needs for people displaced by disaster?

Housing is the most immediate need.

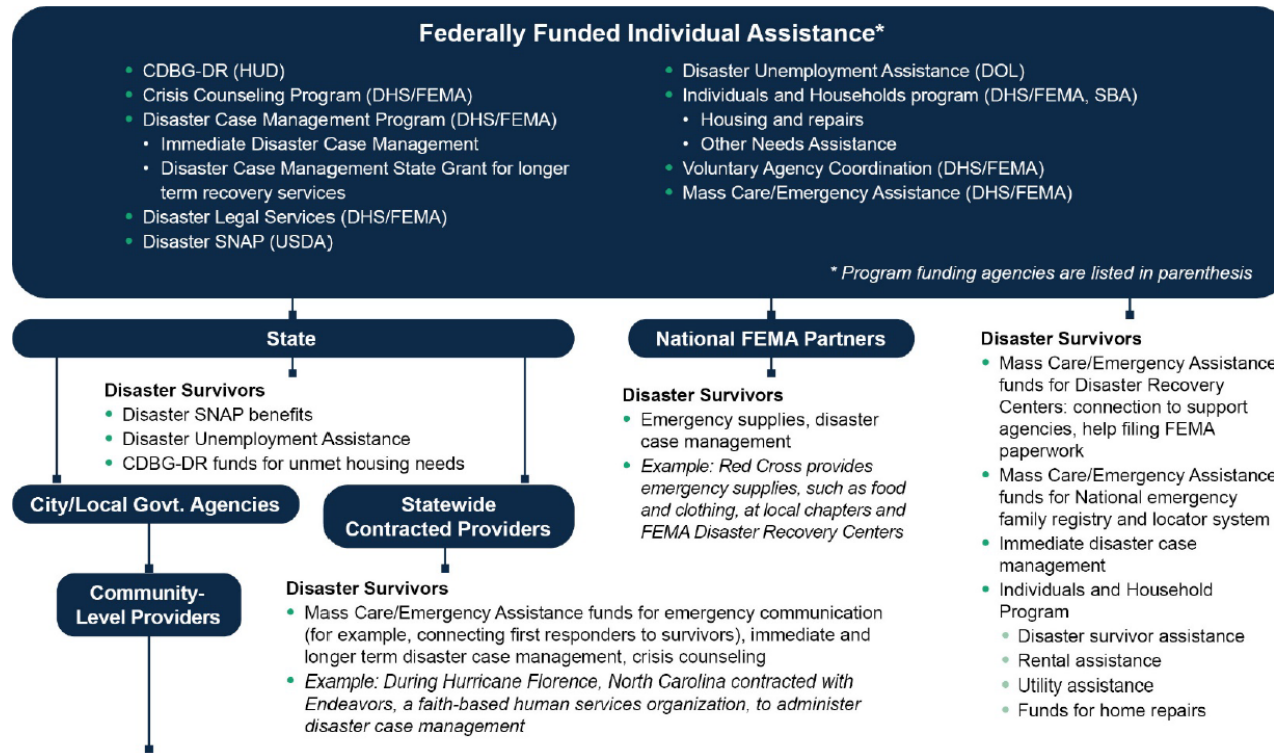
Other critical needs are:

- Income support
- Transportation
- Schools
- Childcare
- Jobs



Federally funded assistance available

Exhibit V.3. Distribution of federally funded individual assistance available to disaster survivors



Disaster Survivors

- FEMA Voluntary Agency Liasons (VALs) help connect disaster survivors to local agencies and community organizations that can provide Disaster Legal Services; Immediate and longer term disaster case management; transportation, health care services, clothing, food, temporary housing, rental or home ownership assistance, housing relocation and rebuilding assistance
- Example: Following Hurricane Katrina, Foundation Communities, a local nonprofit focused on affordable housing in Austin, Texas, worked with VALs to place hundreds of displaced individuals and families in its community housing developments

Sources: FEMA 2021; Ratcliffe et al. 2019; IOM 2015.

Note: CDBG-DR = Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery, DHS = U.S. Department of Homeland Security, DOL = U.S. Department of Labor, FEMA = Federal Emergency Management Agency, HUD = U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, SBA = Small Business Administration, SNAP = Supplemental Nutrition Assistance, USDA = U.S. Department of Agriculture.



Outcomes for people and communities affected by disasters

People displaced by disasters experience emotional stress, psychological distress, and financial hardship after the disaster.

Children displaced by disasters experience acute mental health vulnerabilities and often struggle with social and academic development.

Impacted communities experience population decline, housing shortages, depressed business activity, and economic fluctuation after a disaster.



What are the recommendations from the federal report?

Resiliency planning for high-risk regions, especially those with significant populations with low incomes.

Simplifying the process to find and access services after a disaster.

Providing more supports to host communities and coordination between host and impacted communities.



Let's hear from a state lead on their work in disaster recovery



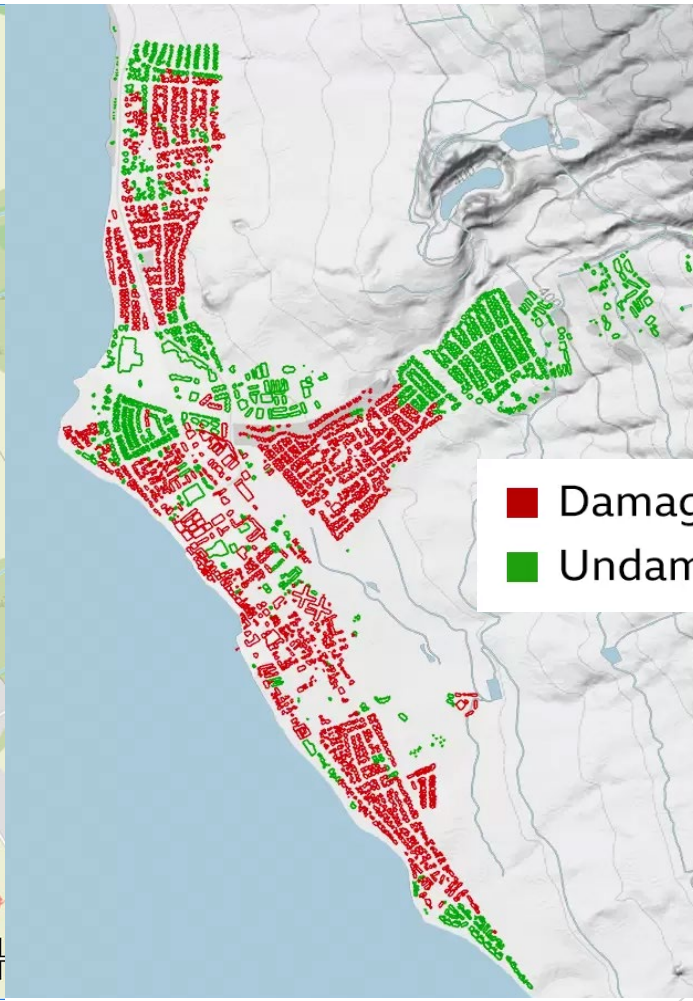
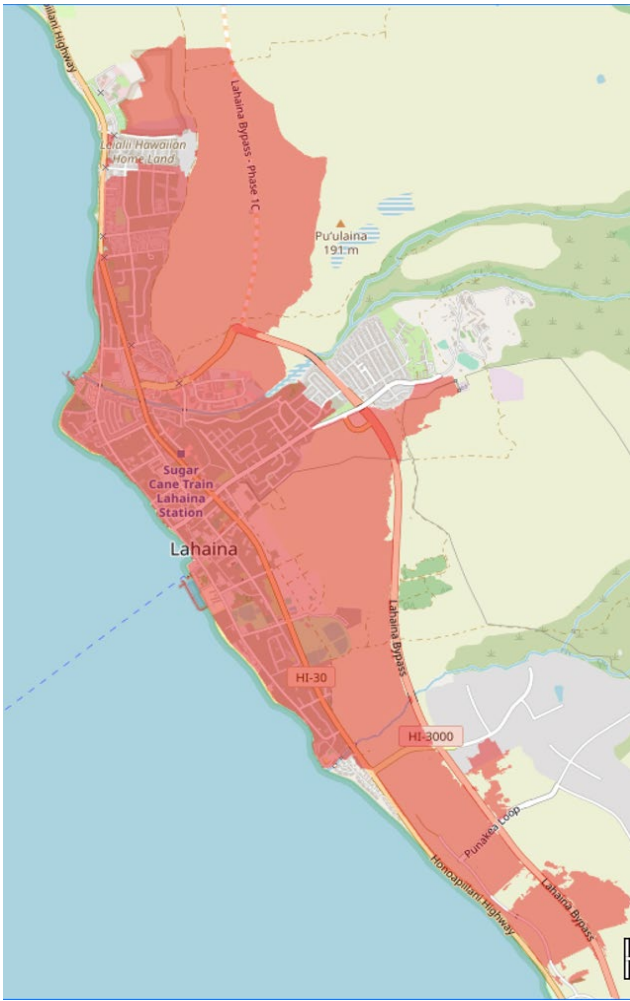
CBCAP

Hawaii State Department of Health
Community Based Child Abuse Prevention
Maui Wildfires
September 2023





- ▶ The 150-year-old Lahaina banyan tree is seen near the burned-out courthouse from the air on Aug. 10, two days after a fire destroyed much of the town. A hui of contractors and volunteers have been working to water it and keep it alive and recently reported that new roots are shooting out from the tree. *The Maui News/Matthew Thayer photos*



- Damaged buildings
- Undamaged buildings

Disaster Impact

- ▶ 97 remains found (100% of disaster area searched)
- ▶ 60 remains positively identified and families notified
 - ▶ Identification work is slowed due to many survivors' mistrust and fear of submitting DNA samples
- ▶ 31 are unaccounted for
 - ▶ FBI-validated list updated weekly
- ▶ ≈ 2,100 acres burned
- ▶ > 3,000 structures damaged or destroyed (86% residential; 3 health clinics)
- ▶ ≈ 2,500 homes uninhabitable/destroyed
 - ▶ Home/property inspections incomplete
- ▶ Estimated \$6B+ to rebuild

Disaster Response

- ▶ ≈ 6,200 people in 29 non-congregate shelters (hotels)
- ▶ ≈ 10,000 - 12,000 meals a day
- ▶ Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)
 - ▶ ≈ 14,200 registered for Individual Assistance (IA)
 - ▶ > \$20.8M in Individual Housing Program (IHP) assistance for over 5,000 households
- ▶ Small Business Administration (SBA)
 - ▶ Approved >\$24.2 in residential loans to 233 families
 - ▶ Approved ≈ \$6M in business loans to 58 businesses
- ▶ Hawaii Community Foundation—Maui Strong Fund (as of 9/1/23)
 - ▶ \$96,428,247 donated to the Maui Strong Fund
 - ▶ \$13,207,694 distributed (see website for grantees)

Family Health Services Division

FUNDING UPDATES that may potentially be available to support Lahaina, Maui residents due to wildfires

- ▶ SAMHSA Project LAUNCH Grant \$4M
((\$800K/year x 5 years))
- ▶ New ARPA (American rescue plan act) grants to MIECHV home visiting
- ▶ Continued Federal ARPA funding
 - ▶ IDEA Part C: \$1,218,273
 - ▶ Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention ARPA (CBCAP) grant \$1M through 2025

Family Health Services Division Response

- ▶ Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention
 - ▶ Procuring gift cards to support youth/adolescents ages 5-10 years of age (e.g. purchase clothing, footwear, school supplies, hygiene items, etc.)
 - ▶ Potential transportation services, shuttles
 - ▶ Family Strengthening supports including media supports for information to families
- ▶ Home Visiting Services Unit - MIECHV grant
 - ▶ HRSA approval to include Lahaina as a service area
- ▶ Children with Special Health Needs cardiac and nutrition Clinics
- ▶ Early Intervention-telehealth options, newborn hearing screening

Family Health Services Division Response

- ▶ CSHNB (Children with special healthcare needs branch) secured funding for Trauma-Informed Care training for Maui childcare providers and DHS Child Care Licensing staff on supporting children who have been exposed to trauma from the wildfires
- ▶ Hawaii Women, Infant and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) expedite new vendors, monitor infant formula, provide breast pumps, replace eWIC cards
- ▶ HRSA (health resources and services administration) Pediatric Mental Health Care Access grant coordinator working with UH JABSOM and private psychiatric providers to pilot a warmline for Maui pediatric and childcare providers working on children's trauma and mental health issues.
- ▶ Family Health Services Division working with American Academy of Pediatrics - Hawaii Chapter and CAMHD (child and adolescent mental health division) to support pediatric providers accessing behavioral health supports for children and youth.
- ▶ Early Childhood worked with state and nonprofits to ensure health and safety of children by working with Safe Water Branch to ensure childcare providers are in safe water zones and families have access to immunization records for their children to enroll in childcare.

Family Health Services Division CDC HEALTH EQUITY PROJECTS



\$2.75M of grant funds redirected to Maui response

Telehealth Expansion \$496K

Office of Primary Care/Rural Health \$2.25M

QUESTIONS

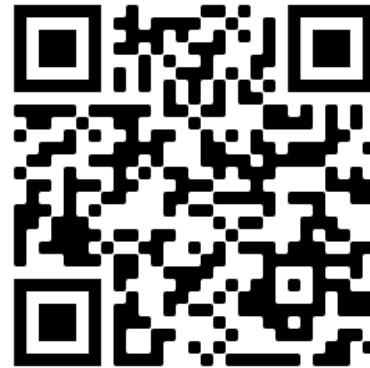


Children's Bureau Updates

Opportunity to Provide Feedback

Please take a moment to scan the QR code and fill out our short evaluation.

Your participation in the evaluation will help us to improve our future Peer Learning Calls.



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List of Resources

- Prepare with Pedro: <https://www.ready.gov/kids/prepare-pedro>
- <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/policy-guidance/childrens-bureau-letter-about-equity-disaster-plans>
- Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation report <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/report/human-service-needs-and-disaster-displacement>
- Federally declared disasters on FEMA website: <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations>
- FRIENDS resource Understanding the Role of Program Assessment: Going Beyond the Peer Review, Responding to Families in Crisis subscale: <https://friendsnrc.org/evaluation/program-assessment/>
- If needed following the award letter amount, send revised budget to Federal Project Officer and CBCAP@acf.hhs.gov

