



## Hurricane Katrina Relief Listserv

Working in Partnership Regionally to Best Serve Hurricane Katrina Evacuees

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The Hurricane Katrina Listserv is a vehicle by which people and organizations looking to provide evacuee relief can post and receive breaking news and information, as well as ask questions that will be made available to a number of public, private and non-profit organizations working to provide aid to evacuees.

**If you're sending out press releases, have breaking news or other information, or would like to post a question, please forward to them to [crisis.response@uwsem.org](mailto:crisis.response@uwsem.org).**

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### *Intake Center to be Established in Wayne County*

Officials in the city of Detroit and Wayne County are working to open an intake center for hurricane evacuees currently residing in the county. The center, which is to be located at Detroit City Airport, is scheduled to open on Monday, September 12th and operate from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. It will remain open from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Further details about the intake center will be disclosed at a press conference with city and county officials on Monday morning.

Evacuees in Oakland and Macomb county are encouraged to register with the Red Cross. You can call the Oakland County service center in Bloomfield Hills at (248) 322-2500 or the Macomb County service center in Warren at (586) 756-7600.

## *Workers affected by Hurricane Katrina can apply for unemployment benefits by phone from Michigan*

Workers from Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi, who are unemployed because of Hurricane Katrina and are now in Michigan, can call their home states directly to apply for unemployment benefits.

Those seeking help with their claims for state unemployment benefits and/or federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance can call their home state's toll-free unemployment claims number listed below.

### **Alabama**

1-866-234-5382

### **Mississippi**

1-888-844-3577

### **Louisiana**

1-800-818-7811

*The Louisiana toll-free number is ONLY for those who are filing a claim for unemployment benefits as a result of Hurricane Katrina.*

### **US Dept of Labor Opens Toll-Free Number**

The US Department of Labor has also established a toll-free telephone number for those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Individuals can call the number for information about filing for state unemployment benefits and federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance. The USDOL toll-free number will refer callers to the proper toll-free number they need to call to file their unemployment claims.

USDOL toll-free number: 1-866-4-USA-DOL

If you cannot get through when dialing the toll-free number for your home state's unemployment insurance program, then please call Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency at 1-866-500-0017. Michigan's UIA staff will take all the information needed to file your unemployment claim and then electronically forward that information to your home

state.



## *Southeast Michigan Hurricane Katrina Relief Website*

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During a meeting with local government and service provider organizations, a need was determined for a web site that could organize information about relief efforts in the area, and make it available to evacuees, other service providers and individuals interested in contributing to the relief effort.

The Southeast Michigan Hurricane Katrina Relief website gives service providers an online form to add their relief information into a searchable database. Information is verified by United Way Tel- Help staff for accuracy and then automatically uploaded to the website. This automation allows for the dissemination of real-time information in a quick and efficient manner.

- Service providers: [Add your organization's information to the website.](#)
- Individuals: [Find out how you can help in regional relief efforts.](#)
- Evacuees: [Search for services and general information.](#)

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