

## NYS Children's Issues Task Force Superstorm Sandy Resource Guide

### Federal Resources

#### FEMA

Nonprofit organizations affected by Superstorm Sandy may be eligible for FEMA assistance.

Nonprofit Finance Fund: <http://nonprofitfinancefund.org/help-and-helping-after-hurricane-sandy-0>

**FEMA's Public Assistance: Local, State, Tribal and Non-Profit** information is at [www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit](http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit)

**The process:** <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-grant-application-process>

**FAQs:** <http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-frequently-asked-questions>

You can also visit [www.disaster.gov](http://www.disaster.gov) or call 1-800-339-1759 for FEMA Individual Assistance, which is not for businesses but may be helpful to the Family Provider.

**FEMA Application Deadline Extended:** The deadline for Hurricane Sandy survivors in 13 designated New York counties to register for Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster assistance has been extended to **January 28, 2013**.

The extension agreed upon by the state and FEMA is for survivors living in disaster-designated individual assistance counties: Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester. **Please visit** <http://www.fema.gov/news-release/fema-application-deadline-extended>



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#### **FEMA Awards First of Sheltering and Temporary Essential Power Program Grants**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced today it is awarding nearly \$4 million to two local governments to help pay for costs associated with implementing the Sheltering and Temporary Essential Power (STEP) Program.

STEP funds emergency residential essential and necessary repairs such as restoration of temporary electricity, heat and hot water so that survivors can remain in their homes while permanent repair work continues. **Please visit** <http://www.fema.gov/news-release/fema-awards-first-sheltering-and-temporary-essential-power-program-grants>

**Don't Wait for Insurance Settlement to Apply for an SBA Loan** –Survivors should not wait to settle with their insurance companies before applying for Small Business Administration disaster loan assistance. FEMA and the SBA encourage survivors of Hurricane Sandy in eligible New York counties to return their completed applications, even if they have not settled with their insurance company. For the full announcement, click on <http://www.fema.gov/news-release/dont-wait-insurance-settlement-apply-sba-loan>

#### IRS

[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for tax info on storm damage deductions

## U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care

Child Care Resources for Disasters and Emergencies

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/resource/child-care-resources-for-disasters-and-emergencies>

**U.S. Small Business Administration** has announced that certain Private Non-Profit Organizations (PNPs) in New York that do not provide critical services of a governmental nature may be eligible to apply for low interest rate disaster loans. PNPs located in Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester counties in New York that provide non-critical services are eligible to apply. Examples of eligible non-critical PNP organizations include, but are not limited to food kitchens, homeless shelters, museums, libraries, community centers, schools and colleges. More is at [www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/4/2818/news/362041](http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/4/2818/news/362041). Apply at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

### **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) Extends Deadline for Hurricane Sandy Survivors in New York**

The U. S. Small Business Administration has extended the deadline for Hurricane Sandy survivors in New York to return applications for physical damage to **January 28, 2013**. Survivors are encouraged to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency at 800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY 800-462-7585 and return completed applications to the SBA. Homeowners and renters unable to obtain an SBA low-interest disaster loan may be referred to FEMA for grant consideration. **PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT TITLED "Dec 12 13-138 NY 13365 Deadline Extension.pdf"**



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**Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R)** staff from 32 states joined **Child Care Aware® of America** for a **disaster recovery webinar** held on November 7, 2012. Presenters highlighted lessons learned from past disasters and emergencies and shared tips on recovery and preparation.

- The recorded webinar can be viewed at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/276888594>;
- Webinar slides can be downloaded from:  
[http://www.naccrra.org/sites/default/files/default\\_site\\_pages/2012/webinar\\_on\\_response\\_to\\_hurricane\\_sandy\\_nov7.pdf](http://www.naccrra.org/sites/default/files/default_site_pages/2012/webinar_on_response_to_hurricane_sandy_nov7.pdf).

Additional resources for emergency and disaster recovery and preparedness can be found <http://www.naccrra.org/programs-services/disaster-resources>. The web site for Child Care Aware of America (formerly known as the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies) is [www.naccra.org](http://www.naccra.org).

## NYS Resources

### **NYS Governor's Office**

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/>

### **NYS Office of Children and Family Services**

Child Care Assistance for Victims of Superstorm Sandy

[http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/childcare/emergency\\_planning/hurricane\\_Sandy.asp](http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/childcare/emergency_planning/hurricane_Sandy.asp)

### **Food Assistance for Families**

Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) benefits announced for households in New York City zip codes most affected by Hurricane Sandy. Use of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

(SNAP) Benefits for the Purchase of Hot and Prepared Foods in Impacted Counties **Extended Through January 31, 2013.**

As New Yorkers continue to recover from the effects of Hurricane Sandy, New York State has secured a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) which extends the ability for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, formerly known as Food Stamps, to be used to purchase hot foods and prepared foods at authorized retail premises through January 31, 2013 for Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester, Orange, Putnam, and Sullivan counties. This was initially approved through November 30.

OTDA will be extending the certification periods for one month for SNAP cases with certification periods that expired on October 31, 2012, and for one month for SNAP cases with certification periods ending November 30, 2012, for re-certifications that have not been completed in Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, Sullivan, Westchester, and NYC. [Read Governor Cuomo's announcement](http://otda.ny.gov/programs/snap/)  
<http://otda.ny.gov/programs/snap/>

**Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and USDA Food Commodities Assistance**

Link to the letter from CACFP regarding accommodations/waivers they have instituted due the storm. Please contact CACFP [cacfp@health.state.ny.us](mailto:cacfp@health.state.ny.us) or 1-800-942-3858 if you have any questions. We will continue to send you updates on any changes that may arise with respect to the post Sandy accommodations. <http://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/nutrition/cacfp/>

**Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)**

If you live or work in an impacted county and you lost your income due to the effects of Superstorm Sandy, you may qualify for DUA. You may qualify for DUA even if you would not normally be able to get unemployment insurance benefits. To find out if you might be eligible for DUA, call the Telephone Claims Center (TCC) at 1-888-209-8124, or 1-877-358-5306 if you live out of state. Answer the questions to indicate that you lost your job as a direct result of Superstorm Sandy.

File your application with the New York State Department of Labor as soon as possible. The application deadline is **February 4, 2013.**

The following are examples of situations that may make you eligible for Disaster Unemployment Assistance:

- You were injured in the disaster and are unable to work, whether you are an employee or self-employed.
- Your workplace was damaged, destroyed, or you can't work because of the disaster.
- Your transportation to work is not available because of the disaster.
- You were about to begin working, but could not because of the disaster.
- You got most of your income from areas affected by the disaster, whether you worked for yourself or for an employer, and your business is down because of the disaster.

**Please note** - this list is not exhaustive. If you are uncertain about your eligibility, please apply. All applicants must submit wage information and documentation to support their application.

Go to <http://www.labor.ny.gov/ui/claimantinfo/disaster-unemployment-assistance.shtm> for more information.

**NYSDHCR Homeowner Repair and Rebuild Fund**

GOVERNOR CUOMO'S DISASTER HOMEOWNERSHIP REPAIR AND REBUILDING FUND CAN HELP YOU. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo is providing new funding for homeowners whose property was damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Sandy.

Homeowners who have already qualified for FEMA housing assistance grants can now also obtain up to an additional \$10,000 through the Governor's Disaster Homeownership Repair and Rebuilding Fund. This is a grant, not a loan, and it does not need to be repaid.

<http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1106820556604-136/Disaster+Homeownership+Repair+and+Rebuilding.pdf>

### **EmPOWER New York Program**

The EmPower New York program offers no-costs energy services for income-eligible households that are customers of one of the Systems Benefits Charge (SBC) participating utilities. Funded through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), services may include replacement of old, inefficient appliances; installation of high-efficiency lights; insulation and other home-efficiency measure. For more information, call 1-800-263-0960. **Please see three attachments titled: "Intro Letter," "EmP Application – Storm Relief 2012," and "RES-EMP-cons-fs-1-v1"**



intro letter  
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EmP Application -  
Storm Relief 2012 (2)



RES-EMP-cons-fs-1-v  
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**Environmental Health** – Information about mold is available from the New York State Department of Health at <http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/7287/> (Versión en español: [http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/7287\\_es.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/7287_es.htm)). Other health and emergency preparedness materials are available from the NYS Department of Health at: <http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/weather/hurricane/>

**NYS Insurance Hotline** [www.dfs.ny.gov](http://www.dfs.ny.gov) or 1-800-339-1759

**The Office of the State Comptroller** has resources at [www.osc.state.ny.us/hurricane/index.htm](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/hurricane/index.htm).

### **Local Resources**

#### **Long Island Region 2-1-1 Hurricane Sandy Disaster Assistance Resource Guide**

If you have been affected by Hurricane Sandy on Long Island, please visit [www.211longisland.org](http://www.211longisland.org) for up-to-date information on disaster related services in your area: open the "Hurricane Sandy" tab on the home page. You may also call the 2-1-1 Long Island call center by dialing 2-1-1 or 1-888-774-7633 (7-1-1 for NY Relay). The call center is currently **open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week through December 31, 2012** (hours for 2013 to be determined).



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**NYC Non-Profit Assistance:** This site will provide you with updates on current efforts and allow opportunities to shape reforms. You may also access helpful materials, connect with management consulting providers, and learn and share information about trainings and events.

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/nonprofit/html/home/home.shtml>

**NYC Department of Education and The Fund for Public Schools:** As of November 26, 2012, 123 schools and Universal prekindergarten sites have been matched to community partners offering support. The DOE is working with The Fund for Public Schools to continue to coordinate the matching of school/UPK

needs with community partners' offers of support. <http://schools.nyc.gov/CommunityPartners/default.htm>

**NYC Emergency Loan Information:** The City of New York and Goldman Sachs are providing \$10 million in emergency loans to help New York City businesses damaged by Superstorm Sandy. NYC Business Solutions and the New York Business Development Corporation (NYBDC) will administer the loan program. If you are a small business in need of an emergency loan to recover from business interruption, you can now access loans up to \$25,000. Loans are interest-free for the first six months and 1% interest for the following 24 months. For more information, you call 311 and ask for "NYC Business Emergency Loan." Full information can be found at: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/nycbiz/html/home/home.shtml>

**NYC Public Advocate's Office** has *After the Storm: A Guide for New Yorkers* at <http://pubadvocate.nyc.gov/storm>.

**NYC Economic Development Corporation** has business recovery information at [www.nycedc.com/backtobusiness](http://www.nycedc.com/backtobusiness).

**The Staten Island Non-Profit Recovery Fund** will make grants to nonprofit organizations serving Staten Island and its residents. The Staten Island Foundation will match the first \$500,000 donated from other philanthropic sources to this fund. The SINP Recovery Fund will make grants to Island nonprofit organizations in order to help them meet the long-term challenges created by this disaster. The fund will also provide grants to aid in preparedness planning for future emergencies; provide funding for unreimbursed repairs to nonprofit facilities and grounds; support organizations whose fundraising efforts have been undermined; and aid collaborative efforts to help Staten Islanders in need. [www.thestatenislandfoundation.org](http://www.thestatenislandfoundation.org)

**The NYC Nonprofit Recovery Loan Program** will provide interest-free loans ranging from \$5,000 to \$100,000 to New York City nonprofits impacted by Superstorm Sandy and will cover losses associated with the disruption of operations and property damage. Priority will be given to organizations that have suffered the most severe losses and/or are operating in the worst affected areas, and will be made against expected claims to be filed with the nonprofit's own insurance company and with FEMA, as well as against committed government, foundation and corporate contracts and grants. It will be administered by the Fund for the City of New York: <https://rlp.fcny.org:443/rlp/about>.

**New York Business Development Corporation** offers loans ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to small businesses in areas where there have been power outages and severe flooding. Funds for working capital, repairs, and business recovery will be expedited and are expected to reach qualified borrowers five to seven days after application. The emergency loan program is for independently owned and operated businesses paying taxes in NYC and non-profit organizations that (1) Are located in New York City; (2) Have fewer than 100 employees; (3) Filed 2011 business tax returns; (4) Have experienced business interruption and/or damages as a result of Hurricane Sandy. FAQs are at [www.nybdc.com/documents/SBSFrequentlyAskedQuestions.pdf](http://www.nybdc.com/documents/SBSFrequentlyAskedQuestions.pdf).

The **Aidmatrix Network**, has been setup to direct people looking to donate money or goods to nonprofits as part of Hurricane Sandy recovery efforts. Nonprofits can also register here to receive donations. <http://www.aidmatrixnetwork.org/fema/States.aspx?ST=New%20York%20City>

**United Way of New York City** (UWNYC). Check the United Way website for information coming soon on a new funding opportunity which has yet to be released. <http://unitedwaynyc.org/pages/hurricane-sandy-recovery-grants>.

**Community Resource Exchange** has a Hurricane Sandy Nonprofit Resources page at <http://crenyc.org/hurricanesandynpresources>.

**Human Services Council** has a listing of resources for nonprofits and clients at [www.humanservicescouncil.org/documents/HSC%20-%20Hurricane%20Sandy%20Resources%20for%20Nonprofits.pdf](http://www.humanservicescouncil.org/documents/HSC%20-%20Hurricane%20Sandy%20Resources%20for%20Nonprofits.pdf).

**New York Disaster Interfaith Services** has compiled a list of resources for people dealing with issues relating to the hurricane at [www.nydis.org/index2.html](http://www.nydis.org/index2.html).

**Philanthropy New York** is working intensively with Regional Associations throughout the affected area to coordinate and track philanthropic responses to the devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy. Their dedicated disaster response page continues to be updated on a daily basis. [philanthropynewyork.org/sandy](http://philanthropynewyork.org/sandy)

**Robin Hood Foundation** has launched a large-scale relief effort to aid its neighbors in the tri-state area whose lives have been shattered by Superstorm Sandy. One month out from the storm, Robin Hood has been able to provide over \$8 million in grants to more than 90 different groups. It is now moving into phase two of its recovery effort, providing for the long-term needs created by the storm including: housing, job-training, legal counseling and more. <http://www.robinhood.org/>

**Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (FPWA)** has been asked by the NYC Mayor's Office to identify volunteers from its member agencies who are able to go to some of the harder hit areas of the city to distribute information about emergency resources available and/or assist with the delivery of meals and water. Email your responses to Joel Gibson at [jgibson@fpwa.org](mailto:jgibson@fpwa.org). Include volunteer's contact information, when they are available to work, and what part of the city they can respond to (Zone A evacuation areas).

**The Family Child Care Association of New York State, Inc. (FCCANYS)** is collecting donations to help NYS family and group family child care providers affected by Hurricane Sandy in the FEMA-designated disaster areas. The collected funds will be available to fcc/gfcc providers for the replacement of child care supplies. Visit [www.fccanys.org](http://www.fccanys.org) to learn more about the availability of these funds, criteria to meet and the FCCANYS Sandy Fund Application.

**Early Care and Learning Council (ECLC)** The statewide association of Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agencies has established a Hurricane Sandy Recovery Fund. In the coming weeks, the ECLC will communicate with the field to assess the greatest needs and distribute funds accordingly. 100% of funds collected will go to CCR&Rs to help the child care community recover from Hurricane Sandy. To make a donation or learn more about the fund, visit <http://www.earlycareandlearning.org/hurricanesandyrecovery.cfm>

#### **LOCALCHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL AGENCIES IN IMPACTED COUNTIES:**

##### **Child Care Council of Nassau, Inc.**

**Phone:** (516) 358- 9250 ext 11

**Fax:** (516) 358-9287

**Website:** [www.childcarenassau.org](http://www.childcarenassau.org)

##### **Child Care Council of Suffolk, Inc.**

**Phone:** (631) 462-0303/ (631) 462-0444

**Fax:** (631) 462-1617

**Website:** [www.childcaresuffolk.org](http://www.childcaresuffolk.org)  
**Child Care Council of Westchester, Inc.**  
**Phone:** (914) 761-3456 x 102  
**Fax:** (914) 761-1957  
**Website:** [www.childcarewestchester.org](http://www.childcarewestchester.org)

**Child Care Resources of Rockland, Inc.**  
**Phone:** (845) 425- 0009 x 417  
**Fax:** (845) 425-5312  
**Website:** [www.childcarerockland.org](http://www.childcarerockland.org)

**Day Care Council of New York, Inc.**  
**Counties Served:** New York City  
**Phone:** (212) 206-7818, **Toll Free 1- (888) 469-5999**  
**Fax: (212) 206-7836**  
**Website:** <http://www.dccnyinc.org>

**Center for Children’s Initiatives**  
**Phone:** (212) 929-7604 x 3010, x 3016, **Toll Free 1- (888) 469-5999**  
**Fax:** (212) 929-5785  
**Website:** <http://www.centerforchildrensinitiatives.org>

**Child Development Support Corporation**  
**Counties Served:** New York City  
**Phone:** (718) 398-6370 ext 8401, ext. 8058 **Toll Free 1- (888) 469-5999**  
**Fax:** (718) 398-6182  
**Website:** <http://www.cdscnyc.publishpath.com>

**Chinese American Planning Council, Inc.**  
**Counties Served:** New York City  
**Phone:** (212) 941-0030 x 207, x 202, **Toll Free 1- (888) 469-5999**  
**Fax:** (212) 226-5351  
**Website:** [www.childcarecpc.org](http://www.childcarecpc.org)

**Committee for Hispanic Children & Families, Inc.**  
**Counties Served:** New York City  
**Phone:** (212) 206- 1090, **Toll Free 1- (888) 469-5999**  
**Fax:** (212) 206-8093  
**Website:** [www.chcfinc.org](http://www.chcfinc.org)

## Mental Health Resources

**National Child Traumatic Stress Network:** A specific area for children and hurricane resources can be found at:

<http://www.nctsn.org/trauma-types/natural-disasters/hurricanes#tabset-tab-5>

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA):**

<http://store.samhsa.gov/product/Tips-for-Talking-With-and-Helping-Children-and-Youth-Cope-After-a-Disaster-or-Traumatic-Event/SMA12-4732>

**Project Hope:** is offering free mental health and crisis counseling services to deal with stress and anxiety in the aftermath of the storm in NYC and Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester counties.  
1.800.LIFENET (1.800.543.3638)

### Legal Resources

**Pro Bono Partnership** offers legal assistance on issues that a nonprofit organization may be facing as a result of the emergency. The Partnership provides legal assistance to nonprofits without charge. For assistance email [information@probonopartner.org](mailto:information@probonopartner.org) or call New Jersey: 973.240.6955; New York: 914.328.0674

**NYLPI's Pro Bono Clearinghouse** is available to assist organizations with legal needs including, but not limited to, insurance claims and negotiations; real estate contingencies including subleasing and securing temporary accommodations; employment law including expansion, downsizing, employee leave and employer compensation obligations; compliance with tax-exempt organizations law when fundraising and accepting donations. Contact Alena Jirovska at 212-244-4664 or email [clearinghouse@nylpi.org](mailto:clearinghouse@nylpi.org).

**Lawyer's Alliance for New York** will assist nonprofits in real estate, employment law, government grants and loan, operating disaster relief programs, and insurance coverage and has disaster-related information at [www.lawyersalliance.org/disaster\\_relief.php](http://www.lawyersalliance.org/disaster_relief.php).

### Spaces & Equipment Available

**HealthCare Chaplaincy** has office furniture, chairs and other items that can be donated immediately as a result of their impending consolidation of locations. Contact Edward Haran at 212-644-1111, extension 203 or [eharan@healthcarechaplancy.org](mailto:eharan@healthcarechaplancy.org).

**Centre for Social Innovation** has a "pop up" space in the Starrett-Lehigh building at 601 West 26th Street for a handful of organizations affected by the storm--free workspace for small nonprofits (four staff or fewer) from mid-November until the end of the calendar year. Details are at <http://nyc.socialinnovation.org/popup>.

**Jewish Community Centers**, at 8th Avenue between 36th and 37 streets, has about four offices, and a few cubicles that they could make available for nonprofit organizations displaced by the hurricane. Contact Bob Kimsal at 212.786.5141 or [bkimsal@jcca.org](mailto:bkimsal@jcca.org).

**The New York Junior League** has meeting rooms available to be used by non-profit organizations currently unable to re-open due to Hurricane Sandy. They have a limited number of laptops that could be used during normal business hours, or you can bring your own. Wi-Fi is available. Please contact Susanne Kuligowski, Chief Operating Officer at [skuligowski@nyjl.org](mailto:skuligowski@nyjl.org) or 212-606-0236 for more information.

**Institute for Contemporary Psychotherapy** has a conference room that can fit up to 60 people for meeting use by nonprofits affected by the storm. They're at 60th and Broadway (Columbus Circle). The availability of the conference space is going to be limited, but there will be chunks of time throughout the day that they don't use it and would be happy to help other nonprofits if they can (at no charge). Contact Sue Warshal at 212-333-3444, ext. 102.

## Other Resources

### SESAME STREET GETS THROUGH A STORM

*Sesame Street Gets Through a Storm* is on You Tube. The direct link is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEz1yb3WPwA> .

Two publications from Sesame Workshop:

- ***Here for Each Other: A Guide for Educators***
- ***Here for Each other: Community Provider Packet***



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