

A Coordinated Approach to Disaster Case Management

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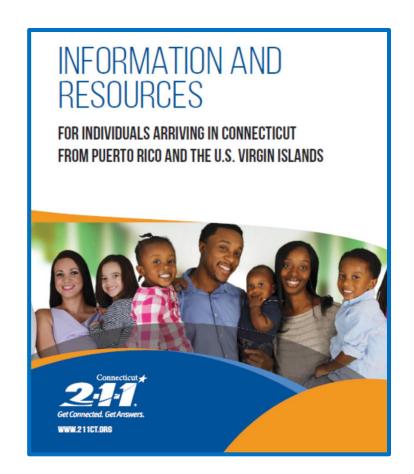




Partner Background: 2-1-1 Connecticut



- ➤ 2-1-1 is part of the State Response Framework and is the gateway to services for emergency/disaster response and recovery led by the Governor's office and CT DEMHS
- ➤ 2-1-1 is working to provide access to services and community resources to those who have been affected by disasters
- ➤ In addition to calling 2-1-1 and visiting 211ct.org, 2-1-1 has creates specialized materials for individuals affected



Disaster Case Management







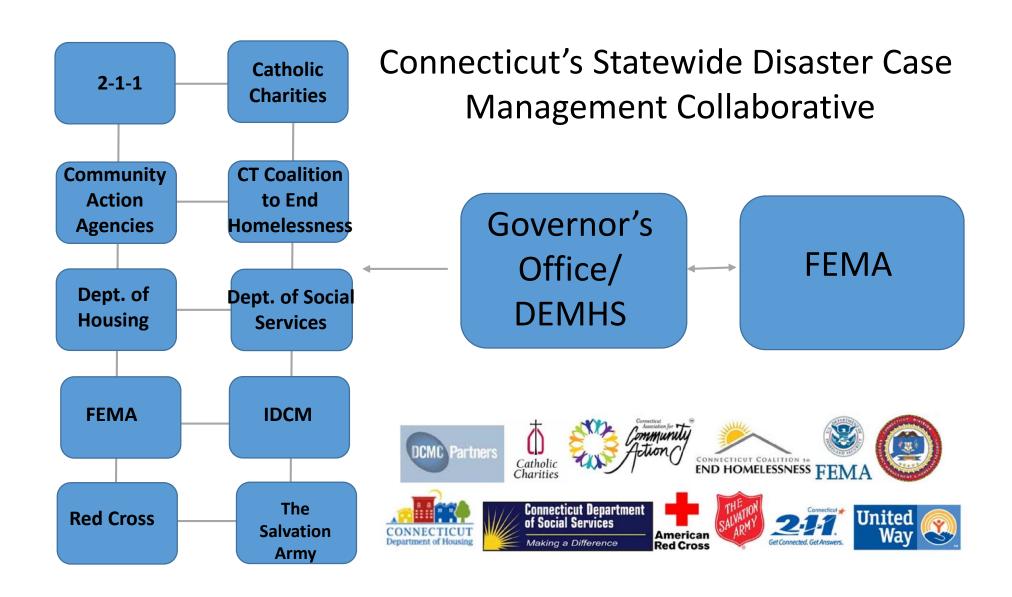
> Disaster Case Management (DCM) Defined

- A time-limited partnership between a case manager and a disaster survivor focused on addressing disaster-related unmet needs by developing and carrying out an individual disaster recovery plan to meet the needs of the individual survivor.
- Following a major disaster declaration, FEMA may provide Federal financial assistance to States or qualified private organizations to establish or supplement this service or DCM may be provided by local non-governmental organizations, independent of the FEMA funded program.



The CT DCM Collaborative





2-1-1 Role in DCM Process



- Front door for access to DCM Support
- > Assigns and tracks survivors
- Host weekly DCM meeting
- > Training for IDCMs on CT resources
- Participation in state's Unified Command structure
- Donation and Volunteer management
- Weekly reports
- Marketing
- ➤ Website self-help tools



Catholic Charities

Salvation Army

IDCM

Community
Action
Agencies

DCM - Information and Data Sharing



- > To obtain FEMA Data **Containing Personally** Identifiable Information
 - **Routine Use Information Sharing Access** Agreement FEMA/State (Tribal, Territorial) Agreement
- Verbal Consent to participate in DCM and share information with coordinating agencies.



DCM Data Collection/Outcome Tracking



- Needs tracking
- > Escalation
- Outcome and transition tracking
- > Fund tracking
- > Systems and databases

Contact Data

- > 5,860 calls, 900 DCM cases
- > 1,200 households used flex funds
- > 7,000 views of online material
- ➤ 2,000 downloads of guide



Top 5 Call Locations

Calls

Hartford

Waterbury

New Britain

New Haven

Bridgeport

Top Relocation Needs

- Housing & Shelter
- Disaster Case Management
- FEMA Registration and Assistance
- Employment
- Food
- Benefits Assistance (SNAP, Medicaid)
- Clothing
- Critical Needs Assistance

CT DCMC Best Practices



- > Statewide disaster response framework and unified command structure
 - http://www.ct.gov/demhs/lib/demhs/srf_v3.0.pdf
- > Existing relationships with DCM partners, including key state agencies
- > Regular unified command and DCM meetings
- ➤ Joint Marketing
 - Red Cross and 211 partnership
 - Governor's Office: Billboards/train stations/airport
- > FEMA Support invaluable
 - Case resolution
 - Clarifying policies
 - Regular updates on disaster situation
 - Presenting on FEMA resources
 - Participating on multiple calls per week
 - Provide weekly data on FEMA registrations
- > Joint fundraising efforts for diversion assistance (flex funds)

