

## Disaster Resources

Call 511 for road conditions, text lashelter to 898-211 for shelter information, and call 211 for finding local resources.

<b>State Agencies</b>		
<b>Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)</b>	Protects and promotes health and ensures access to medical, preventive, and rehabilitative services. Contact for services and assistance related to addictive disorders, aging, mental health, developmental disabilities, public health, Medicaid and Medicaid transportation.	Emergency Operations Center Watch Desk: 225-354-3570  <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov">www.ldh.la.gov</a>  Healthy Louisiana  <a href="http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2327">http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/2327</a>
	<b>Office of Aging and Adult Services</b> -Provides services that offer meaningful choices to older adults and people with adult-onset disabilities.	866-758-5035  OAAS.Inquiries@LA.GOV  <a href="http://www.oaas.dhh.louisiana.gov">www.oaas.dhh.louisiana.gov</a>
	<b>Office of Behavioral Health</b> -Manages and delivers services and supports necessary to improve the quality of life for people with mental illness and/or addictive disorders.	225-342-2540  <a href="http://www.obh.dhh.louisiana.gov">www.obh.dhh.louisiana.gov</a>
	<b>Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities</b> – Services as the Single Point of Entry into the developmental disabilities services system and oversees public and private residential services and other services for people with developmental disabilities.	225-342-0095  <a href="http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/11/n/8">http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/11/n/8</a>  <b>Early Steps:</b>  <a href="http://www.laeikids.com/">www.laeikids.com/</a>
	<b>Louisiana Commission for the Deaf</b> - Provides accessibility services for persons whom are Deaf, deaf-blind, or have hearing loss or speech impairment to gain equal access to any public or private service.	800-256-1523  <a href="http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/318">www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/318</a>
<b>Protective Services</b>	<b>Children up to age 18: The Department of Children and Family Services, Office of Child Welfare, Child Protective Services</b>	855-4LA-KIDS (855-452-5437)  <a href="http://www.dcfslouisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&amp;tmp=home&amp;nid=298&amp;pid=109">http://www.dcfslouisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&amp;tmp=home&amp;nid=298&amp;pid=109</a>
	<b>Adults, age 18 – 59 and emancipated minors: LDH, Office of Aging and Adult Services, Adult Protective Services</b>	800-898-4910  <a href="http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/120">http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/120</a>
	<b>Older adults, age 60+: Governor’s Office of Elderly Affairs, Elderly Protective Services</b>	833-577-6532  <a href="http://goea.louisiana.gov/assets/EPS/EPSPage.pdf">http://goea.louisiana.gov/assets/EPS/EPSPage.pdf</a>
<b>Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)</b>	Provides food Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits (D-SNAP). Provides Child Welfare services. Provides other community support services such as TANF.	888-524-3578  888-997-1117 (EBT card)  <a href="http://www.dcfsla.gov/">http://www.dcfsla.gov/</a>
<b>Office of Juvenile Justice</b>	Provides services to youth who are at-risk or delinquent, including those with disabilities. Contact for related services.	225-287-7900  <a href="http://www.ojj.la.gov">www.ojj.la.gov</a>
<b>Governor’s Office of Disability Affairs (GODA)</b>	Facilitates access to the opportunities needed for people with disabilities to live as fully engaged participants in society. All Independent Living Centers can be reached through GODA	225-219-7550  <a href="http://gov.louisiana.gov/page/disability-affairs">http://gov.louisiana.gov/page/disability-affairs</a>

<b>Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs</b>	Administers a broad range of home and community-based services through an aging network.	225-342- 7100 <a href="http://goea.louisiana.gov">http://goea.louisiana.gov</a>
<b>Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs</b>	Provides comprehensive care and quality service to Louisiana's veterans and families with regard to health care, education, disability benefits, long-term care, and burial honors	1-877-GEAUXVA 225-219-5000 <a href="http://www.vetaffairs.la.gov">www.vetaffairs.la.gov</a>
<b>Louisiana Workforce Commission</b>	<b>Louisiana Rehabilitation Services (LRS)</b> - Assists persons with disabilities to obtain/maintain employment and/or achieve independence by providing rehabilitation services and working cooperatively with business and other community resources.	800-737-2958 <a href="http://www.laworks.net/WorkforceDev/LRS/LRS_Main.asp">http://www.laworks.net/WorkforceDev/LRS/LRS_Main.asp</a>
	<b>Blind Services</b> provides services to eligible individuals who are blind or visually impaired. The Randolph-Sheppard Business Enterprise Program and the Older Blind/Visually Impaired Program are parts of Blind Services.	225-219-2943 or 800-737-2958 <a href="http://www.laworks.net/WorkforceDev/LRS/LRS_BlindServices.asp">http://www.laworks.net/WorkforceDev/LRS/LRS_BlindServices.asp</a>
<b>Education Services</b>		
<b>Department of Education</b>	Maintains information for displaced students/teachers. Also provides verification of eligibility for Special Education Services for transferring or homeless children through SER (Special Education Reporting) System. Contact for related information.	(877) 453-2721 <a href="http://www.louisianabelieves.com">www.louisianabelieves.com</a>
<b>Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and the Visually Impaired</b>	Contact for services for children who have a hearing loss and/or are blind or have a vision impairment. The schools are on the same campus and share some services and facilities.	(225) 769-8160 (888) 769-8111 <a href="http://www.lsdvi.org">www.lsdvi.org</a>
<b>Communication</b>		
<b>Telecommunications Relay Services</b>	Contact for telephone communication assistance for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or with speech impairments.	(800) 947-5277 (V) (800) 846-5277 (TTY); 711 (TTY) (888) 550-5277 (ASCII) (888) 272-5530 (Speech to Speech) (800) 737-1813 (Spanish)
<b>Transportation</b>		
<b>Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD)</b>	The Louisiana DOTD Public Transportation Section has published the Louisiana Transit Resource Guide to inform administrators, transit managers, and other interested parties about the availability of public transportation in Louisiana.	<a href="http://wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/multimodal/publictransportation/transitresources">http://wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/multimodal/publictransportation/transitresources</a>
<b>Advocacy &amp; Support Organizations</b>		
<b>AARP</b>	Provides support and information to people age 50 and over, offering a wide range of unique benefits and services.	866-448-3620 <a href="https://states.aarp.org/region/louisiana/">https://states.aarp.org/region/louisiana/</a>
<b>Advocacy Center</b>	Provides the following to people with disabilities and the elderly: information and referral, legal advice and representation, outreach, training, and systems advocacy.	800-960-7705 504-522-2337 <a href="http://www.advocacyla.org">www.advocacyla.org</a>
<b>American Red Cross</b>	Contact for assistance with immediate emergency disaster-caused needs including shelters. Also provides a register for individuals affected by disasters to post themselves as "safe and well" and for family members to search for those affected by disaster.	<a href="http://www.redcross.org">www.redcross.org</a> 1-800-733-2767 <a href="http://www.redcross.org/safeandwell">www.redcross.org/safeandwell</a> (for info on displaced persons)
<b>LATAN (Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network)</b>	Contact for assistive devices and durable medical equipment for disaster survivors, and for information regarding other programs and services for people with disabilities and age-related limitations who can benefit from assistive devices and daily living aids.	800-270-6185 (LA toll-free) 225-925-9500 (V/TT)

		<a href="http://www.latan.org">www.latan.org</a>
<b>Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council</b>	Contact this advocacy organization for information and referral to available resources, supports and services for people with disabilities, including your local Families Helping Families resource center.	800-450-8108 <a href="http://www.laddc.org">www.laddc.org</a>
<b>The Arc of Louisiana</b>	Contact for advocating for the rights and full participation of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.	866-966-6260 <a href="http://www.thearca.org/">www.thearca.org/</a>
<b>Louisiana 211</b>	Louisiana 2-1-1 is an information and referral line for finding local services and resources in your community.	211 <a href="http://www.louisiana211.org/">www.louisiana211.org/</a>
<b>Louisiana Parent Training and Information Center</b>	As a program within Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans, LaPTIC assists families to navigate the maze of special education services throughout Louisiana.	504-888-9111 <a href="https://fhfofno.org/laptic">https://fhfofno.org/laptic</a>
<b>Louisiana Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)</b>	Works as a volunteer agency liaison to assist with federal assistance programs, deadlines, coordination with other volunteer organizations and donation management. Also identifies populations with special needs and assists applicants to avoid duplication of benefits.	<a href="http://www.lavoad.org">www.lavoad.org</a>  National: 703-778-5088 <a href="http://www.nvoad.org">www.nvoad.org</a>
<b>Trach Mommas of Louisiana</b>	Provides peer support, resources, education, training, information and advocacy to parents, caregivers, and individuals with a tracheostomy. Provides disaster relief to all who are medically complex or rely on technology.	225-200-5178 or 504-723-7193 <a href="http://www.trachmommas.org/">http://www.trachmommas.org/</a>
<b>Portlight Inclusive Disaster Strategies</b>	Provides supports and services to people with disabilities who are surviving a disaster.	800-626-4959 <a href="http://www.portlight.org/">http://www.portlight.org/</a>

### Disability Specific Organizations

<b>ALS Association</b>	Provides services for persons with ALS (Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) through hospital-affiliated clinics, support groups for individuals and their families, and assistance with the purchase/loan of prescribed medical equipment.	800-891-3746 <a href="http://alsalams.org">alsalams.org</a>
<b>Alzheimer's Association</b>	Contact for referrals to community programs and services for people exhibiting problems with memory, decision-making, self-care, communication and disorientation. Available to address caregiver stress.	800-272-3900 24/7 HELPLINE Available in multiple languages <a href="http://www.alz.org/louisiana">www.alz.org/louisiana</a>
<b>Louisiana Autism Society</b>	Responds to the need for quality life options for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder living throughout Louisiana.	<a href="https://www.lastateautism.org/">https://www.lastateautism.org/</a>
<b>Down Syndrome Association of GNO</b>	Provides information and support to all parents with children with Down syndrome and other cognitive disabilities.	504-259-6201 <a href="http://www.dsagno.org">www.dsagno.org</a>
<b>Epilepsy Foundation Louisiana</b>	Contact for information related to epilepsy research, education, advocacy, and services.	(800) 960-0587 <a href="http://www.epilepsyloisiana.org">www.epilepsyloisiana.org</a>
<b>Lighthouse Louisiana</b>	Serves people who are blind or visually impaired by providing job training, competitive employment and services. Our goal is to promote individual independence and self-reliance.	888-792-0163 <a href="http://www.lighthouseloisiana.org/">www.lighthouseloisiana.org/</a>
<b>Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society; Louisiana Chapter</b>	Promotes research, educates, advocates for people with multiple sclerosis, and organizes a wide range of programs including support for the <a href="#">newly diagnosed</a> and those <a href="#">living with MS</a> over time.	1-800-344-4867 <a href="http://www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/LAM/index.aspx">http://www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/LAM/index.aspx</a>
<b>Muscular Dystrophy Association</b>	Provides services for children and adults with neuromuscular diseases through hospital-affiliated clinics; assists with the purchase/loan of	

	prescribed medical equipment; offers support groups for individuals and their families and summer camps for children with muscular dystrophy.	800-572-1717
<b>National Spinal Cord Injury Association</b>	Provides resources, services, and peer support to people with spinal cord injury and disease (SCI/D).	718-803-3782 <a href="http://www.spinalcord.org/">www.spinalcord.org/</a>
<b>Spina Bifida Association</b>	Serves adults and children who live with the challenges of spina bifida through education, advocacy, research, and services.	(800) 621-3141 <a href="http://www.spinabifidaassociation.org">www.spinabifidaassociation.org</a>

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