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In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) is here to help through the long recovery ahead; filling service gaps as other early response and recovery funding is beginning to be exhausted. With a goal of keeping families strong, preventing the potential negative impacts of the disaster on children and families, and providing swift support and intervention, DCF is expanding or creating additional services for the individuals we serve.

Domestic Violence Alternative Housing Assistance Program

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) was awarded funds through the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 administered by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program to provide financial housing assistance for domestic/dating violence victims affected by the additional trauma of Superstorm Sandy.

Housing assistance, resulting from displacement and the increased demand on housing, is available for people receiving domestic violence services such as shelter and other non-residential services, such as counseling, legal advocacy and support groups.

Funds can be used to assist with:

- Utility payments
- Rent
- Moving and storage expenses
- Essential furnishings.

Those who are victims of domestic or dating violence and cannot find safe, affordable housing due to any impact related to Superstorm Sandy are eligible to seek assistance.

For more information about how you can get assistance, please contact:

New Jersey Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-572-SAFE(7233)

For general information on the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/programs/family-violence-prevention-services>



As we know from previous natural disasters, a family's ability to cope is often stretched to its limit as they try to recover. The Department of Children and Families is making every effort to ensure that Sandy-impacted families have access to adequate social services. For more information or to gain expedient access:

1-855-INFO-DCF (1-855-463-6323)
(general information about DCF's programs and services)

DCF's Children's System of Care at
1-877-652-7624
(services for children and teens with emotional and behavioral health care challenges)

New Jersey Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-572-SAFE (7233)
(individuals needing immediate assistance and access to domestic violence services)

New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NJCASA) Hotline
1-800-601-7200

www.nj.gov/dcf