

RECOVER REBUILD RESTORE



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.

Sandy Life Skills Camp

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) is providing educational summer camp experiences for youth in counties hit hardest by Superstorm Sandy. The Sandy Recovery Life Skills Summer Camp is a sleepover residential camp, located on 159 acres of woodland in Alloway, New Jersey. The camp has a 14-acre lake and fishing dock, nesting bald eagles, walking and hiking trails, a rock wall, low & high rope challenge course, a 300 foot zip line and other adventurous nature-based amenities.

The Sandy Recovery Life Skills Summer Camp is a valuable experience for young people to learn and develop skills as they start their journey to adulthood, while at the same time just having some fun. The camp also helps build in these youth the resiliency they need to cope with Superstorm Sandy.

Open to youth ages 13 through 17 in Sandy-impacted counties (Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and, Union), the camp will provide youth friendly and safe environments while their parents continue the family's recovery efforts. The camp will help youth develop or further enhance their life skills, preparing them for independence and self-sufficiency.

The Sandy Recovery Life Skills Summer Camp will be operated by Ranch Hope, a non-profit organization based in Alloway. Since 1964, Ranch Hope has served children, youth and families throughout New Jersey.

The three 14-day long camps begin July 12, July 26 and August 9. Information about enrolling in one of these three camps is available by either calling

- DCF at 1-855-INFO-DCF (1-855-463-6323); or
- Ranch Hope at 1-856-935-1555 or campedge@ranchhope.org.
PO Box 325
Alloway, NJ 08001



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**