

Community and Health Care System Recovery



Mission: To support locally-led recovery efforts in the restoration of the public health, medical and mental/behavioral health services networks and systems to promote the resilience, health and well-being of affected individuals and communities.

Vision: Communities will be able to withstand and quickly recover from an incident.

Purpose: Community recovery is the ability to collaborate with community partners to plan and advocate for the rebuilding of public health, medical and mental/behavioral health systems to at least a level of functioning comparable to pre-incident levels, and improved levels where possible. Health system recovery is an important objective in achieving national health security goals. The May 2012 Implementation Plan for the National Health Security Strategy of the United States of America says to be resilient, a community must “develop recovery plans for health and social systems that can be activated immediately when an incident occurs.” Recovery planning that emphasizes system strengthening, coordination and leveraging of resources can help communities quickly shift from response to recovery following a disaster.



Program Authority/Funding: The department receives funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Cooperative Agreements.

Community and Healthcare System Recovery aligns with/or supports:

[Florida Public Health and Health Care Preparedness 2014-2017 Strategic Plan](#)

Goal 7: Community and Health Care System Resilience

[ASPR Healthcare Preparedness Capabilities](#)

- Capability 1: Healthcare System Preparedness
- Capability 2: Healthcare System Recovery
- Capability 3: Emergency Operations Coordination
- Capability 6: Information Sharing
- Capability 10: Medical Surge
- Capability 14: Responder Safety and Health

[CDC Public Health Preparedness Capabilities](#)

- Capability 1: Community Preparedness
- Capability 2: Community Recovery
- Capability 5: Fatality Management
- Capability 10: Medical Surge
- Capability 14: Responder Safety and Health
- Capability 15: Volunteer Management

Objectives:

- Support counties and healthcare systems in recovery planning, assessment of needs and priorities and coordination of local resources and services.

- Disseminate tools and share lessons learned to help counties assess their recovery risk, vulnerabilities and capacities and help them integrate recovery into preparedness and response plans and activities.
- Enhance partnerships with government agencies and community sector representatives to coordinate health and medical recovery efforts.
- Support physical and mental/behavioral health needs, functional needs and social well-being during recovery phase.
- Support/leverage/build on community level partnerships and networks during recovery.
- Provide technical assistance and maximize existing resources to promote recovery planning and response.
- Coordinate with children's disaster preparedness strategies.
- Coordinate with mental/behavioral health strategies.

2013-2014 Highlights:

- Eighteen all hazards/Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) trainings and exercises were developed and conducted for 326 persons from Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC).
- Tools and resources to guide and support local communities in efforts to develop and sustain a health care continuum of care for elders during disasters were developed and posted to the Vulnerable Populations online Toolkit.
- Florida Crisis Consortium (FCC) members participated in trainings and exercises focused on children and disaster behavioral health, and active shooters.
- A Behavioral Health Assessment Team participated in the Statewide Hurricane Exercise.
- A five-person Disaster Behavioral Health (DBH) Strike Team was deployed to Pensacola to support Department of Health personnel impacted by the May flooding.
- Conducted a session for Department of Health preparedness planners to discuss the CDC Recovery capability and how the state and counties can work together to meet Florida's recovery needs after a disaster.
- Highlights of additional program activities that support community recovery can be found on individual program fact sheets or the 2013-2014 Program Highlights fact sheet.

Partners: County health departments, Florida Department of Elder Affairs and long-term care agencies and advocacy groups, Agency for Health Care Administration and health care facility partners, Poison Information Centers, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Florida Crisis Consortium and the Division of Emergency Management.

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