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Florida Crisis Consortium & the Florida Disaster Behavioral Health Response Plan

The Florida Crisis Consortium, which includes disaster behavioral health experts from around the state, was formed in May 2005 to develop Florida's Disaster Behavioral Health Response Plan, as part of the ESF-8 annex to the Florida Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The Domestic Security Oversight Council approved the plan on November 16, 2006. The intent of the disaster behavioral health response plan is to mitigate the adverse effects of disaster-related trauma by promoting and restoring psychological well-being and daily life functioning in impacted individuals, responders, and communities.

The Florida Crisis Consortium:

- Develops and maintains the plan and operational protocols
- Recruits, trains and credentials regional disaster behavioral health response teams
- Recruits regional consultants to work with communities to develop local disaster behavioral health capacity
- Conducts exercises and reviews after action reports
- Develops and maintains disaster behavioral health public information materials

The regional disaster behavioral health response team:

- Conducts global assessment and identifies DBH needs/gaps
- Requests and manages additional resources as needed (through local ESF-8)
- Utilizes Response Teams to deliver Psychological First Aid where needed
- Liaison with all DBH responders
- Liaison between SEOC and Local EOC on behavioral health issues
- Provides coping information and self-care guidelines for responders

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