



KATRINA AID TODAY FACT SHEET

Katrina Aid Today is a national case management consortium of nine nonprofit partners led by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The program is facilitated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of the Department of Homeland Security.

Under Katrina Aid Today, the **mission** of the **National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)** is to provide high-quality, cost-effective nationwide case management services for individuals displaced with disabilities and their families. NDRN and its Protection & Advocacy (P&A) affiliates will provide assistance to Katrina evacuees in:

- Obtaining information and referral to community resources;
- Locating accessible housing;
- Accessing necessary home modifications;
- Accessing housing in appropriate community settings;
- Referring to legal services;
- Accessing employment and job training;
- Accessing transportation;
- Accessing childcare;
- Obtaining services for living in the community;
- Obtaining special education services for children;
- Obtaining medical benefits – Medicaid/Medicare;
- Obtaining financial benefits – Social Security Insurance (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), food stamps, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF);
- Procuring medical equipment/assistive technology (wheelchairs, mobility canes, hearing aids);
- Securing healthcare services to meet medical and mental health needs;
- Locating services to access food, furniture, rent, security deposits, utility connection fees and deposits and personal care assistance;
- Training in consumer education and self-advocacy; and
- Accessing burial arrangements.

*The **National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)** is the nonprofit membership organization for the federally mandated Protection and Advocacy (P&A) Systems and Client Assistance Programs (CAP) for individuals with disabilities. Collectively, the P&A/CAP network is the largest provider of legally based advocacy services to people with disabilities in the United States.*

***UMCOR** is the humanitarian relief and development agency of the United Methodist Church, a worldwide denomination. For 65 years, UMCOR has alleviated human suffering by providing practical support to survivors of natural and civil disasters, without regard to a survivor's religion, race, gender or national origin.*

All NDRN state projects maintain toll-free lines. The lines are fully accessible to anyone who calls with any disability, and staff is trained to work specifically with individuals with disabilities.

800 Telephone Numbers of NDRN Members Active in the Katrina Aid Today Project:

Alabama	1-800-826-1675 (in state only)
Arkansas	1-800-482-1174 (nationwide)
Colorado	1-800-288-1376
Florida	1-800-342-0823 or 1-800-350-4566
Georgia	1-800-537-2329 (nationwide)
Illinois	1-800-5372632 (nationwide), 1-800-758-0464 (intake)
Indiana	1-800-622-4854
Louisiana	1-800-960-7705
Mississippi	1-800-772-4057, 1-866-249-3848
Ohio	1-800-282-9181 (in state)
Pennsylvania	1-800-692-7443
Tennessee	1-800-342-1660 (nationwide)
Texas	1-800-252-9108 (nationwide)

In addition to those active in the Katrina Aid Today project, there are NDRN members in every state and territory that can provide information, limited assistance, and potential legal services for people with disabilities and their families. Contact information can be obtained from NDRN's website, www.ndrn.org. If you need further assistance in identifying an NDRN agency to assist you or a Katrina evacuee, please contact Delores Scott McKnight at delores.mcknight@ndrn.org or 202-408-9514 ext. 130.

Other **National Partners** of Katrina Aid Today are:

- Boat People SOS, Falls Church, VA
- Catholic Charities USA, Alexandria, VA
- Episcopal Relief and Development, New York
- Lutheran Disaster Response, Chicago
- The Odyssey House of Louisiana, New Orleans
- The Salvation Army, Atlanta
- The Society of St. Vincent De Paul, St. Louis, MO
- Volunteers of America, Alexandria, VA