

EVACUEE ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

Michigan has opened its arms to the citizens of the Gulf coast who have been displaced by the effects of Hurricane Katrina. Both the state and federal governments have made a variety of immediate and long-term support services in place to ease transition.

For more information on accessing these services:

STATE of Michigan: For support services to evacuees opting to stay in Michigan for an extended period of time or in need of immediate transportation out of state.

- Contact the Michigan Department of Human Services (MDHS) by calling the local Human Services Office** or visiting <http://www.michigan.gov/dhs>
Refer to government pages in local phone books for direct numbers (formerly Family Independence Agency)
- MDHS can provide assistance with:
 - **Education - Assistance in school enrollment**
 - **Employment- Disaster Unemployment Benefits**
 - **Housing Needs**
 - **Medical Needs**
 - **Transportation Needs**
 - **Pets**
- Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) 1-888-792-9322
 - **Emergency Services**
 - **To find LOVED ONES** call 1-877-LOVED 1S (1-877-568-3317)

FEDERAL: All citizens displaced by the Hurricane should contact FEMA immediately to register. This registration can help with locating family members, accessing federal disaster relief benefits, etc.

- US Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
REGISTER AT 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362) - or visit www.fema.gov
 - **Individual Assistance Benefits**
 - **Crisis Counseling**
- US Department of Labor (DOL)
 - **Job Assistance** 1-888-4USADOL (1-888-481-2365) or visit www.dol.gov
 - **Disaster Unemployment Benefits**

REMINDER: Process is started with FEMA registration – referred to One Stop Career Centers
- US Social Security Administration (SSA)
 - **Social Security Benefits**
Recipients 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.socialsecurity.gov/emergency or visit local SSA Offices

For September payments or temporary social security cards contact the SSA

 - Survivor benefits can be handled directly by visiting local SSA Offices
- US Postal Service (USPS)
 - **Mail Service** visit local post office <https://moversguide.usps.com/?referral+USPS>
 - Change of address is IMPORTANT to continue to receive
 - FEMA Packets
 - Social Security Benefits

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