

Hurricane Season and Disaster Readiness for Providers

When we "Plan, Prepare, and Practice," we can lessen the impacts of a hurricanes and other types of disasters. This **Roadmap2Ready** toolkit includes links for readiness tips and resources for the hurricane season. Remember that no plan can be effective, if not practiced and properly executed.



To access information before, during, and after any emergency event, bookmark Trillium's new <u>Community Crisis and Disaster Response</u> page.



Plan by establishing planning objectives such as knowing the risk, how to maintain safety, and promotion of personal and family disaster planning by staff members. Learn more about how behavioral health providers can plan for disasters with the <u>Disaster Planning Handbook for Behavioral Health Service Programs (PDF)</u> and hurricane materials on <u>ReadyNC</u>.

Prepare and Mitigate by knowing the type of impact a major storm could have on your systems and infrastructure (computers, copiers, fax machines), staffing, members, and suppliers. What resources can help minimize damage, disruptions, and injuries? <u>Learn from FEMA</u> how to identify and plan for these impacts on your organizations and the resources which can minimize these impacts.

Practice by training your staff on your emergency plan and refer to Ready.gov for additional guidance. Remember to utilize reliable sources while planning, preparing, and practicing your emergency plan.

Trillium staff are not considered first responders. We do assist providers and members once the immediate danger has passed, unless extremely widespread power outages prevent it.

