



March 20, 2008

Dear Disability Case Manager:

Northeast Florida AHEC is currently working on a video module that will assist viewers in understanding and empathizing with people with disabilities who have encountered difficulties during a disaster. As a result, we are holding a contest to help identify 3 “survivor stories” to include in the module.

We are asking for Case Managers, Social Workers, and other staff involved in assisting people with disabilities, to submit a summary of a challenging, real-life account that one of their clients/patients faced during a natural disaster such as a hurricane, tornado, wildfire, etc. If your story is selected for inclusion in the module you will win \$100, and your client/patient will receive \$200 for their videotaped account!

Contest Guidelines:

- Selected experiences MUST involve the following:
 - Person involved must have a disability
 - Experience was scary, depressing, challenging, sad, etc.
 - Person must currently live in Florida, or a town near the state line
 - Person must sign an agreement to participate
 - Selected individuals and their participating family members/caregivers must agree to share their story on videotape. The taping process is expected to take 2-3 hours for each interview.
 - Selected individuals must be available to be interviewed between April 28th and May 9th, 2008
- Case workers, etc. may submit more than one application if they have more than one qualifying individual/story.
- Application template is provided
- **Applications must be received at NE Florida AHEC no later than April 11th, 2008**
- Selected interviewees will be announced April 21st, 2008
- Interviews will take place between April 28th and May 9th, 2008

This video module will be part of the Florida Department of Health Disability Task Force program to increase disability awareness among healthcare professionals in Florida.

Applications and questions should be directed to: Teri A. Coutu, MHA, CHES Associate Director
Email: Tcoutu@northfloridaahec.org Ph: (904) 482-0189

Good Luck!



Disability & Disasters Video Interview Application

Please complete all requested information, and answer every question.

Submitting Persons Information

Name:

Title:

Agency:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

"Story-teller's" Information

Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Type(s) of Disability:

Disaster Encountered:

Date(s) of Disaster Encounter:

Location of Disaster Encounter:

OPTIONAL INFO:

Age:

Gender:

Ethnicity:

Please provide a summary of the disaster encounter below. Include information such as:

- Problems faced due to lack of:
 - power, mobility, communications
 - support network, knowledge of shelters and/or assistance, disaster planning
- Any life-threatening situations or additional health issues that arose as a result of the disaster
- Any loss as a result of the disaster such as:
 - Home
 - Pets
 - Family/friends
 - Personal belongings/heirlooms
- Any Information that will help show the increased difficulties a person with a disability faces when dealing with a disaster

Send applications to: Northeast Florida AHEC

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