

# Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

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## **Drop-in Centers to Offer Services and Assistance to Central Oklahoma Individuals and Families Impacted by Last Summer's Storms**

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will be on hand to provide behavioral health services and support at drop-in centers setup to assist individuals and families impacted by last weather events.

Drop-in centers that will include behavioral health assistance are scheduled for the following locations and times:

McLoud, April 28-May 2, between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 16901 S Fishmarket Rd;

Carney, May 3, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at Community Event, Main Street;

El Reno, May 5-6 and May 8, between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and again on May 9, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 400 E Barker Avenue;

Moore, May 5-8, between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and again on May 9, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at Serve Moore, 200 S. Howard.

The ODMHSAS community outreach team, the "Green Shirts," is participating as part of The Central Oklahoma Long-Term Recovery Coalition and their partnership with World Renew to conduct an assessment of long-term recovery needs resulting from the May/June 2013 storms.

An additional drop-in center location will be available in Oklahoma City, April 28-May 2, between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Variety Care Lafayette, 500 SW 44th Street. ODMHSAS staff will not be present to assist with specific behavioral health questions; however, other support services and assistance will be available.

For others in storm impacted areas who would like information or assistance regarding behavioral health services, ODMHSAS has established a community-based program office in Moore and community teams that serve all affected communities in Central Oklahoma. Call 405-703-0368 for more information.

This is another step in working with disaster affected individuals and families to assess whether they have applied for all available services and to ensure that their long-term needs have been identified.

The World Renew team will be in the area April 28 through May 9. In addition to the walk-in centers, they will be conducting door-to-door surveys in storm impacted areas.

The walk-in centers are not area specific. For instance, a family impacted in El Reno is welcome to visit any walk-in center for the assessment. Members of the World Renew teams conducting door-to-door surveys will be wearing identification badges and dark green shirts with the World Renew logo.

For more information or to schedule a home visit, call 2-1-1 and ask about the “disaster recovery assessment.”

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*Note: The Central Oklahoma Long-Term Recovery Coalition is a collaboration of community-based organizations and Long-Term Recovery Committees (LTRCs) across the areas impacted by the May/June 2013 storms. The goal of the collaborating entities is to help disaster survivors who, after insurance or government benefits, still need help recovering.*