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DHHR launches Crisis Counseling Program

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities announces a program to assist individuals and communities in recovering from the challenging effects of natural and human-caused disasters through the provision of community-based outreach and psycho-educational services.

Individuals surviving a disaster often times face challenges in the aftermath. Disasters can threaten one's sense of control and safety, and can affect many aspects of day-to-day activities. The emotional effects from loss or damage to homes, loss of family pets, and displacement from neighbors, friends and support systems can cause an unusual stress as people begin to rebuild their lives.

The program, called People Reaching Out in West Virginia Crisis Counseling Program or PRO WV CCP, will help survivors improve their coping skills by supporting the community through outreach activities. All services offered by PRO WV CCP are free of charge.

PRO WV CCP is made possible by a crisis counseling assistance and training program grant funded by FEMA and authorized under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance (Stafford Act).

Community outreach and support are currently being provided by PRO WV teams in Logan, Mingo, Wyoming, and McDowell Counties.

If you need assistance, call 800-615-0122, 304-436-2106, extension 250, or email prowv@yahoo.com. You may also call the DHHR-BHHF Disaster Hotline at 866-867-8290.