



# Department of Children and Family Services

## Flood Response and Recovery August 2016

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# DCFS Disaster Response/Recovery

- ESF-6 State's Lead Agency (Mass Care, Housing and Human Services)
- Helped ensure safety of all foster children in impacted area
  - 1,666 children (38% of state's foster children)
- Managing DSNAP sites -19 parishes
- More than 1,400 staff (1/3) deployed
  - Mostly DSNAP-related activities
- Participate in Disaster Housing Taskforce, Disability Stakeholders Taskforce, Multi-agency Shelter Transition Task Force



# DSNAP Update

- Three Phases (Aug. 22 – Sept. 10)
- DSNAP facts (as of 8/30/16)
  - 68,059 households certified
  - \$27.3 million in DSNAP benefits issued
  - 6,352 denied (9.3%)



# Shelter Update

- As of 8/31/16:
  - **12** shelters still open statewide
  - **1,532** residents in shelters statewide (as of August 31)
  - **928** in River Center
- At peak of disaster, there were **11,000+** residents in **53** shelters.



# Preliminary Disaster Cost Estimates

- DSNAP
  - \$3M-\$4M: DSNAP Phase I
  - \$7M (est.): DSNAP Phase II
  - \$1M-\$2M: DSNAP Phase III
- Sheltering -- \$3.5M-\$4M
- Payroll (Sheltering & DSNAP Phase II)
  - \$2.1M (72,560 paid hrs.)
- \$17M - Projected accrued total expenditures for sheltering & DSNAP (\$7M-\$8M in SGF dollars)



# DCFS Impacts of Disaster

- Livingston office dislocation
- Work backlog (especially for ES and CSE)
- More complicated family dynamics impacting DCFS workload
  - Dislocated clients
  - Increased need for child welfare services (mental health issues)
  - Economic instability – possible increase in SNAP population

