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)
  o 68,059 households certified
  o $27.3 million in DSNAP benefits issued
  o 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