

OPTIONS

PREMIER SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Hurricane Preparedness 2020

OPTIONS will provide:

- Cots for staff and participants as space is available
- Natural Gas Generators at all 4 locations
- Electricity & Air Conditioning
- Meals
- Wash cloths and Towels
- Sheets

You will need to provide:

- Your personal items as listed on the Hurricane Evacuation Supply List (below)
- Pillow and pillow case
- (Optional) A very small ice chest (holds about 6-8 soft drinks) for your personal treats, we do not have refrigerator space and we cannot ensure it will be there when you want it.
- Please refrain from eating or drinking items such as caffeine beverages that the participants cannot have in front of them – make arrangement to have someone cover your duties and go into the office / designated area to indulge.

Expectations - regardless of who you are assigned to:

- Everyone is expected to assist wherever they are needed
- Encourage participants to be helpful/share/assist with chores...
- Assist with food prep/serving/clean-up/sanitation, etc.
- CMA staff will give meds to any participant – arrangements will be made by the Shelter Captain for you to have someone else supervise the participants you are assigned to so you can go into the office and focus on med admin
- 1st and 2nd Responders need to share information so participant care is consistent when the shifts change.

1st Responders

- Make sure the participants you are assigned to have the Hurricane Evacuation Supply List
- Bring the participants you are assigned to, to the designated community home or Safe Haven
- Be prepared to stay for 48 -72 hours depending on the severity of the hurricane.
- Assist each participant in registering his/her medications and turning them in to the office for security.
- Encourage participants not to bring a lot of money or valuables (i.e. jewelry) – they need to know OPTIONS will not be responsible if it disappears. (If there is a special circumstance regarding money, the Shelter Captain will work with you to lock it up in the office.)
- Assist participants in making special arrangements for pets (There is no place at OPTIONS for pets.)
- Make sure participants buy very few groceries once there is a storm headed to the gulf.

2nd Responders

- Plan to report 48 hours after OPTIONS declares the community homes or Safe Haven are now functioning as shelters for SIL participants.
- Be prepared to stay for 48 -72 hours depending on the ability of staff to come in to relieve you.
- Plan to go to the participant's apartment to make sure things are ok to return.
- Plan to help participant go back to his/her apartment, clean out refrigerator, buy groceries.

Hurricane Evacuation Supply List

In the event it is necessary to go to a shelter, Safe Haven or OPTIONS Inc Community Homes will be used. The following items should be furnished by the participant:

- 30 day supply of medication (in blister packs or bottles – no loose unidentified pills)**
- Pillow and Blanket _____
- Tooth brush & Tooth Paste _____
- Diapers/ Hygiene products _____
- Soap _____
- Deodorant _____
- Shaving Equipment _____
- Shampoo/ Hair Product (including comb & brush) _____
- Healthy snacks (nuts, trail mix, crackers) _____
- Favorite games _____
- Books/magazines _____
- Sturdy shoes _____
- 5 day supply of clothes _____
- 10 day supply of clothes (if incontinence issues) _____
- Headsets if bringing radios/personal DVD players, batteries, etc. _____
- Florescent Lantern/flashlight _____