



Texas Psychological Association

Dear colleague,

As you can imagine the dynamics of a response the size of Harvey is fluid and complex. Your TPA/DRN has responded to hundreds of emails from fellow colleagues around the country and Canada. As more and more MH volunteers come into the area to meet immediate needs, we need to turn our attention and efforts to long-term recovery.

First, the volume of emails has been heartening but difficult to manage. I'm also sure that some would prefer a more streamline way to get information than the emails from the now frequent emails from your DRN. As such, we will now be posting response information and resources on the website rather than regularly emailing. If you are interested in responding, please go to the Harvey Response -Resources/Information link on the home page of www.texaspsyc.org. Check back for updates regularly.

We do have some new information from Red Cross. The National Headquarters reports that more than 5000 MH professionals have signed up on their link within the first week. They announced yesterday that they have paused the acceptance of new applications while they focus on the applications in the cue. They ask for patience from those that have already signed in. They will be focusing on those that can deploy soonest.

The Houston Fire Department has expressed interest in professionals that may be able to respond with teletherapy. We will post the "how-to" as soon as that is made available. We are in contact with local and state VOAD. We all appreciate the vast resource that MH professionals can bring to this response. This will be a long recovery. As opportunities are developed, we will work with VOAD and other organizations to disseminate additional ways to respond.

We would like to share a resource provided by Dr. Michael Dunlap from Oregon. This is a free resource that is most appropriate for our children affected by the flood. This informative coloring book is available in English and Spanish.

[Flood Recovery Coloring Book and Parent Guide](#) [PDF]

[Flood Recovery Coloring Book and Parent Guide](#) [PDF- Spanish]

Available free at www.MentorResearch.org

We would like to encourage you again to reach out to our colleagues who may have been affected. Some have had their home damaged, some their office. Offering a temporary office will help with continuity of care.

Thank you again for all the support and offers of response.

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