

Disaster Social Services Planning

Course Sponsor:

Emergency Management Alberta

Target Audience:

- Social services agencies (e.g. Family & Community Support Services/Community Services, Alberta Human Resources & Employment)
- Key municipal officials (e.g. Director of Disaster Services, Deputy Director of Disaster Services, elected officials, Emergency Public Information Manager or designate, emergency services personnel such as Fire and Police)
- Health representatives (e.g. Public Health, community mental health services)
- Representatives from local organizations and groups (e.g. police victim services, clergy)
- Representatives from non-government agencies (Canadian Red Cross Society, Salvation Army, St. John Ambulance, etc.)

Participant Restrictions:

Access is through municipalities.

Course Description:

The intent of this course is to provide participants with the knowledge, skills and tools required to develop and activate the Disaster Social Services Response Plan for their community.

Course Objectives:

This course provides an opportunity for people who would work together in a disaster situation to learn and practice together. At the end of the course, participants will have an understanding of:

- Problems and situations likely to be encountered in a disaster situation where a large number of people have been displaced from their homes.

- The process for developing a Disaster Social Services Response Plan, which is a specialized component of the Municipal Emergency Plan.
- How the Disaster Social Services Response Plan is activated.

Prerequisite:

None. However, it is recommended that those with key Disaster Social Services roles complete the Basic Emergency Preparedness Course.

Type of Instruction:

A variety of instructional methods are used (eg. content presentations, class discussions) to achieve the desired learning outcomes. As well, an exercise is included to provide learners with an opportunity to practice and apply their skills and knowledge.

Class Size:

A minimum of 20 participants is recommended.

Course Location:

Location is determined by municipality scheduling the course.

Course Availability:

Municipality wanting to arrange a course can contract with a trainer able to deliver the course according to Emergency Management Alberta training standards.

Cost:

Municipalities with a population of less than 20,000 are eligible for a training grant to cover course costs. Courses are delivered on a regional basis.

Point of Contact:

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