

## **Service Delivery Protocol for Foster Parents from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama in Georgia with Foster Children as a Result of Katrina**

Within 24 hours of receipt of notification that foster parents relocated (evacuated) to Georgia with foster children with them, from either Louisiana, Mississippi, or Alabama, following Hurricane Katrina, the county DFCS office will assign a social services case manager to visit them. The case manager must determine that the safety and well being of the children and foster parent(s) is assured in the residence/shelter where they are residing.

The following information on both the foster parent(s) and each child in their care must be obtained and properly documented:

- Names
- SSN
- Date of birth
- Gender
- Address (city, state, and zip code), case manager, and county/Parrish of the foster family's resident state (Louisiana, Mississippi or Alabama). If any of the children in foster care are with foster parents who may have been providing respite care, then obtain the name of the primary foster parents.
- Determine if the child in foster care is a resident of a state other than Louisiana, Mississippi or Alabama and if so, then obtain the aforementioned information for that state.
- Degree of relationship to caregiver/foster parent (son, daughter, foster child)
- Determine if the foster parent is fostering for the state or a private agency. If they are fostering for a private agency, then obtain the name of the private agency and as much information about that agency as possible.
- Encourage the foster parent to make contact with their case manager, if possible.
- Address of the current Georgia residence/shelter.

Forward the above information to Mr. James Graves, State ICPC consultant at [jegraves@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:jegraves@dhr.state.ga.us) fax number 404-657-3415, phone at 404-657-3567. James will forward the information received from the county DFCS to the resident state of the foster parent. Please maintain this information on file in your county DFCS office for future reference if needed.

Services/resources/referrals such as medical, mental health, clothing and food are coordinated through the local county DFCS offices and should be provided to the family without delay. The county departments are to provide a contact name and telephone number and leave with the foster family.