

Administration for Children and Families Human Services Subject Matter Experts

The HHS Administration for Children and Families (ACF) can deploy a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in ACF-supported human services/social services programs. Deployable SMEs can support Federal, State, Tribal, Territorial, and local interagency efforts to conduct impact and needs assessments for social services in the affected communities, and can provide technical assistance regarding strategic leveraging of ACF programs to address post-disaster needs.

SMEs are typically ACF Regional Emergency Management Specialists (REMS), ACF Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response (OHSEPR) staff, or disaster-trained program specialists from ACF program offices.

ACF human services SMEs provide specialized expertise in human services/social services needs of communities impacted by disasters, and have expertise and reach back capacity across the full spectrum of ACF-supported programs such as:

- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) programs
- Child welfare – foster care, child abuse and neglect
- Child support enforcement
- Domestic violence prevention and services
- Early childhood programs (child care and Head Start)
- Human trafficking programs
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Refugee programs
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs
- Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

For more information on this and other ACF human services capabilities to support States, Tribes, and Territories in preparedness, response, and recovery, contact OHSEPR by emailing the ACF Watch Desk at hswatchofficer@acf.hhs.gov