**ACF Human Services Subject Matter Experts**

**Summary:**

The HHS Administration for Children and Families (ACF) can deploy a Subject Matter Expert in HHS human services programs and their uses in disasters to a FEMA Joint Field Office or other setting to provide planning support and technical assistance to Federal, State, Tribal, Territorial, and local partners on human services/social services systems supported by ACF.

**Detailed Information:**

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 either ACF Regional Emergency Management Specialists (REMS), staff from ACF’s [Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response (OHSEPR)](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohsepr), 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 reachback capacity across the full spectrum of ACF-supported programs such as:

* Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) programs
* Child welfare
* 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)

Human services SMEs can be requested from HHS through Pre-Scripted Mission Assignment (PSMA) 233.

More information on this and other deployable capabilities of ACF can be obtained from OHSEPR by writing the ACF Watch Desk at [hswatchofficer@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:hswatchofficer@acf.hhs.gov).