

Facilitation of Psycho-Social Reconstruction

Processes for Disaster and Crisis Intervention (DCI) after Katrina & Rita



Once the survival needs of the people impacted by a disaster are stable, the important work on rebuilding the collective social network and individual lives in the community can begin. That is what DCI does. It uses proven professional facilitation skills and processes to equip individuals in the affected communities with tools that help in their psycho-social reconstruction.

What does this reconstruction process do?

Moves Beyond Survival—assists the reconstruction of individual lives, families and communities focusing on their individual and collective psychological, social and spiritual needs

Develops Deep Understanding—gives empathetic guidance and help so that people can experience and move through the stages of grief and change their self-perception from victim to empowered decision-maker

Creates New Beginnings—guides positive first steps and prepares people and communities to move forward successfully toward the future

Facilitates Vision and purpose—facilitates finding meaning and significance in individual lives, families, and communities to support forward movement

The Katrina/Rita Recovery Assistance Project offers a Christian faith-based DCI. We want to engage the churches and ministries to provide this support in a powerful and effective way.



Opportunities to Lend Support Include:

Prayer

- That God will connect the people impacted by Katrina & Rita with the resources needed to rebuild lives, families and communities.
- That God will prepare the facilitation team for this important work.
- That God will provide the resources and provisions to make these recovery steps available to all who are in need in the wake of Katrina & Rita.
- That God will give our country's leaders the wisdom needed to assist people and communities in rebuilding.

Network—get the word out through the Christian organizations engaged in the Katrina/Rita recovery. Inform people about the Disaster & Crisis Intervention (DCI) tools and processes.

- Help identify trainers—those with the skill sets and experience to prepare the corps of facilitators needed.
- Help locate front line facilitators within the churches and Christian agencies that are working day-to-day with the survivors.
- Connect us with Christian networks that will make this recovery possible in all of the locations where needed.

Train facilitators—use your professional training skills to help prepare the network team of facilitators required.

Facilitate—if you are a professional engaged day-to-day in work with the survivors of Katrina & Rita, you may be an excellent candidate to learn and use the DCI facilitation skill sets on the front lines.

Funding—help in the provisions needed to implement DCI in a powerful way. Funds are needed for materials, travel expenses, professional service support...

Support—logistic support to bring this recovery step to reality

- Facilities for training, etc.
- Preparation of materials, etc.

Contact Bego Rodas-Meeker at mbrmeeker@atctraining.com to contribute to this vital part of the recovery from Katrina & Rita.