

Mississippi Coast Collaborative Partnership

Thanks to a grant awarded by the State Department of Mental Health through BP, five agencies on the Mississippi Gulf Coast are collaborating to offer a wide variety of mental health services to Coast residents affected by the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill. These services range from training sessions to mental health counseling sessions with a certified therapist. It is our hope that residents will take advantage of these **FREE** services as we continue to recovery from this disaster.

For more information contact John Hosey with MS Coast Interfaith Disaster Task Force at jmhosey@msidtf.org or call the Oil Spill Distress Hotline at 1-800-985-5990.

**Service providers interested in receiving reimbursement from this grant for services provided should contact John Hosey at jmhosey@msidtf.org*

Agencies involved and services provided in the Mississippi Coast Collaborative Partnership include:

MS Coast Interfaith Disaster Task Force- Provides administrative support, acts as the fiscal agent, and as a liaison between all partnering agencies and the DMH. For more information please call 228-206-4177

Boat People SOS- “The Survivors of Trauma Empowerment Program” (STEP) facilitates and improves coping skills and identifies individuals with mental health needs for referrals. For more information please call (228) 436-9999

Coastal Family Health Center- Offers a Peer to Peer Listening training program for hundreds of local residents as well as outpatient mental health counseling. For more information please call (228) 234-5531

Memorial Behavioral Health- the School Clinic Therapist Program offers free, convenient mental health counseling sessions to students on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. For more information please call 1-800-831-1700

Singing River Behavioral Health- Offers and extensive network of inpatient and outpatient services for behavioral health needs. For more information please call (228) 235-5627.

