

# **Katrina: Government Actions and Community Consequences.**

*What Needs to Happen Now?*

## Current Health Impacts for Evacuees

Barbara Jordan Conference Center

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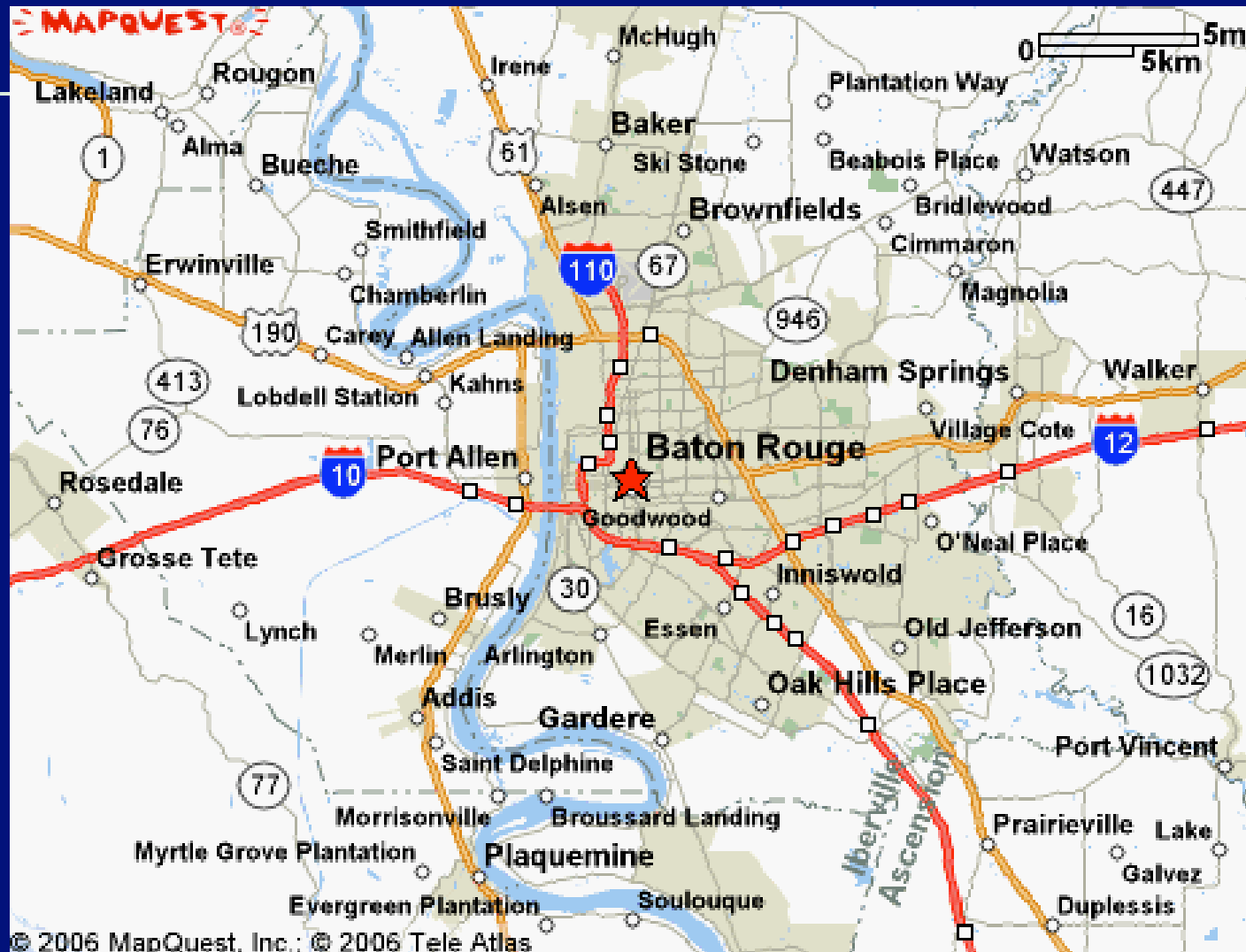
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# Baton Rouge, Louisiana



# Map of Baton Rouge, LA



# Population Demographics

## Population Status:

-New Orleans	484,674
-East Baton Rouge	412,852
-West Baton Rouge	21,601

Source U.S. Census Bureau 2000

# Demographic Comparison

	West Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge	New Orleans
<b>Total Population</b>	21,601	412,852	484,674
<b>Age 65 years &amp; over (%)</b>	9.7	9.9	11.7
<b>White Race (%)</b>	62.8	56.2	28.1
<b>African American Race(%)</b>	35.5	40.1	67.3
<b>Asian Race (%)</b>	0.2	2.1	2.3
<b>Hispanic (%)</b>	1.4	1.8	3.1
<b>Owner Occupied Housing Units (%)</b>	78.8	61.6	46.5
<b>High School Graduate (%)</b>	73.4	83.9	74.7
<b>Bachelors Degree or higher(%)</b>	11.1	30.8	25.8
<b>Median Household Income (1999)</b>	37,117	37,224	27,133
<b>Families Below Poverty Level (%)</b>	13.2	13.2	23.7

# EXCELth's Disaster Response

- Needs Assessment
- Made a decision to respond based on need
- Petitioned the BPHC
- Board of Directors approval
- Developed a strategic approach to providing health

# Service Delivery Goals

- Continuity of care
- Medical Record
- Follow up
- Referrals
- Provide and connect patients with resources
- Connect patients with a system of care

# Health Care Model

- Mobile Medical Unit
- Fixed Clinic Site
- Home Visiting



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*Family Health Center of New Orleans*

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MEDICAL  
CARE  
NO  
NARCOTICS  
OR CASH  
ON BOARD

# Types of Services

- Diagnosis and Treatment
- Immunizations
- Behavioral Health
- Women's Services
- Case Management
- HIV Counseling and Testing
- Medication Assistance
- Referrals
- Dental Health Care

# EXCELth Inc. Family Health Center Mobile Medical Clinic Shelter Schedule

A M E N D E D  
November 7 – 11 2005

Day	Time AM	Location	Time PM	Location
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Administrative Activities Outreach Activities Clinic Preparation	<b>1:30</b>	Administrative Activities Clinic Preparation
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Clinic Preparation Administrative Activities Outreach Activities	<b>2:00</b>	Shiloh Baptist Church 185 Eddie Robinson Sr. Drive Baton Rouge, LA. Contact Person: Sister Alma Stewart (Nurse) 343 – 0640 772 – 7029 Pastor: Reverend Smith
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00</b>	Allen Chapel AME Church 6175 Scenic Highway Mrs. Washington Shelter Coordinator 356 -0719	<b>1:30</b>	Administrative Activities Outreach Activities Clinic Preparation EXCELth Family Health Center 4560 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA. Southern University Shelter
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:00</b>	Renaissance Village Groom Road Location Baker LA Agnes White Site Coordinator Greg Hamilton Site Director	<b>1:00</b>	Renaissance Village Groom Road Location Baker LA. Agnes White Site Coordinator Greg Hamilton Site Director
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8:00</b>	EXCELth Family Health Ctr. 4560 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA.	<b>1:00</b>	EXCELth Family Health Center 4560 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA.

# Service Population

90% New Orleans Evacuees

20% Seniors

< 5% Children

68% Uninsured

















# Medical Conditions

- Exposure to contaminated flood waters
- Insect Bites (spider)
- Chronic medical conditions
  - Diabetes
  - Hypertension
  - Cardiovascular Disease
  - Asthma and respiratory conditions
- Dental Problems
- Gastrointestinal Problems
- Skin Conditions

# Medical Conditions Continued

- Mental Health Conditions
  - Post Traumatic Stress Response
  - Depression
  - Anxiety
  - Homicidal/Suicidal Ideation
  - Chronic Mental Illness
- URI/Colds/Flu
- Seizure Disorders
- Hiv/Aids
- Cancer
- Injuries

# Medical Care Delivery System

- Earle K. Long (Public Hospital)
- Baton Rouge Human Service District
- Private Hospitals and Providers
- Sub Specialists
- Community Health Centers
- Office of Public Health
- DHH
- Substance Abuse Providers

# Families

Family- A group of related persons by blood or marriage, or affection who occupy a common residence. The main functions of the family are childbirth, child rearing, social discipline and support of its members.

Source Duvall (1971)

# Family Functions

- Family Developmental Stages
- Family Medical Function
- Family Geographic Mobility
- Family's association and transactions with the community
- Family's interactions with the school

Source Duval (1971)

# Making it Happen

A New Orleans Rebuilding Resource Festival



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# Current Needs of Evacuees

- Temporary Housing
- Healthcare
- Pharmaceuticals
- Schools
- Daycare Services
- Accurate - Timely Information
- FEMA
- Insurance
- SBA
- How to Return Home to New Orleans
- Housing in New Orleans
- Employment Opportunities
- Upcoming Hurricane Season Preparedness

# Conclusion

“It was once said that the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped”.

Hubert H. Humphrey