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Tennessee Disability Coalition

Statewide Information for Disabled Flood Victims and their Families

(Nashville, TN) – A variety of resources are available to help persons with disabilities and their families who were affected by the historic flooding in Tennessee. Below is a list of resources, statewide, that center around the disability community. Please distribute.

Cross-Disability (disabilities of all types)

- To identify and find flood related resources for persons with disabilities and their families contact Tennessee Disability Pathfinder at (800) 640-4636 or by visiting <http://kc.vanderbilt.edu/tennesseepathfinder/page.aspx?id=1113>
- To speak with a disability representative in the state level **Emergency Operations Center** call Juli Gallup from the Disability Law and Advocacy Center at (800) 342-1660
- **Durable Medical Equipment** – Persons who lost durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers should contact the following agencies for assistance.
 - East TN Technology Access Center – (865) 219-0130
 - United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee – (615) 242-4091
 - STAR Center: Special Technology Access Resource Center (West, TN) – (800) 464-5619

Autism Spectrum Disorders

The Autism Society of Middle Tennessee (ASMT), Autism Speaks, and the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center (VKC) have joined forces to provide assistance and collect donations for families impacted by the flood.

- To request immediate financial assistance from Autism Speaks contact Kathy at tennessee@autismspeaks.org or call (615) 238-1625.
- To request specific household needs from ASMT such as clothing, towels, and volunteer assistance in Middle Tennessee call toll-free (866) 508-4987 or write to asmt@tnautism.org.

- To learn how you can help other families impacted by the flood call ASMT at (866) 508-4987.

Down Syndrome

Persons in need of food or shelter in Middle Tennessee can contact the Down Syndrome Association at (615) 386-9002 or write to dsamt@bellsouth.net.

Mental Health

Persons with mental illness impacted by the flooding who need additional supports should contact the TN Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Consumer Affairs Office at 1-800-560-5767 or visit www.tn.gov/mental

Traumatic Brain Injury

The Brain Injury Association of Tennessee has a Family Helpline available for those directly impacted by the flood. Please call 1 (877) 757-2428 for assistance.

For further information please check out www.tndisability.org

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