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Effective Social Service Collaboration

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Tarrant County VOAD



Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

Mission

To foster efficient, streamlined service delivery to people affected by disaster, while eliminating unnecessary duplication of effort, through cooperation in the four phases of disaster: preparation, response, recover, and mitigation.

TCVOAD

- 21 Member Agencies
- By-Laws
- Quarterly Planning Meetings:
 - preparation
 - response
 - recovery
 - mitigation

Preparation

- Build consistent membership
- Business disaster plan
- Personal/home disaster plan
- Communications process/plan

Response

- Designated meeting time after a disaster is declared
- Coordinated response to community needs:
 - Agency needs
 - Individual needs

Recovery

- Establish Long Term Recovery Committee
- Identify unmet needs
- Develop plan to meet those needs

Mitigation

- Participate in disaster planning efforts prior to disaster
- Develop strong working relationships with:
 - Local office of emergency management
 - American Red Cross
 - Salvation Army
 - Utility Providers
 - Other first responder agencies



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Questions?

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EATC

Emergency Assistance of Tarrant County

An association of churches and agencies that provide emergency services (food, clothing, shelter) to those in need.

- A program of Catholic Charities
- Funded by United Way of Tarrant County
- Over 200 members

EATC Goals

- Develop/maximize resources through networking and collaboration
- Train and support church, agency and volunteer staff
- Foster effective use of resources and reduce duplication

Maximize Resources

- Quarterly General Assembly
- Monthly Geographic Group Meetings
- Steering Committee Meetings

Community Training

- Client assessment
- Service plan development
- Social Service system overview

Effective Use of Resources

- EATC Handbook
 - 2-1-1 updates agency info
 - EATC updates church info
- Addressing unmet need
 - establishing new programs
 - information on relevant social issues



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Thank You

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