

Community-based services offer programs and resources to assist you with specific needs. Find valuable information on adult day care programs, area agencies on aging, social services, emergency preparedness, information and referral, ombudsman, transportation, and more.



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## **VDSS Launches Disaster SNAP Benefits for Victims of Hurricane Helene**

In response to the widespread devastation caused by Hurricane Helene, VDSS is offering a new, temporary Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) to assist residents in qualifying affected counties.

Source

Virginia Department of Social Services

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## **Make a Plan ~ Emergency Preparedness for Your Family**

Make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area.

Source

[Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)

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## **Extreme Heat and Your Health**

Take steps to protect yourself from extreme heat. Extreme heat is defined as summertime temperatures that are much hotter and/or humid than average.

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[Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov)

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## **What is Ask an Expert?**

Not sure where to turn? Let us help guide you! Ask an Expert is an exciting feature that allows you to email us a question so you can receive information, resources, and services to take the next step forward.

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## **Tips for Organizing a Medical History**

It's important for caregivers to organize health information in case of medical emergencies. Learn about easy tips for ensuring you have the information you need.

Source

[Today's Caregiver](https://www.todayscaregiver.com)

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## **Take Control in 1, 2, 3: Disaster Preparedness Guide for Caregivers**

As a family caregiver, you are one of 53 million Americans caring for someone older, ill, or disabled. Those in your care depend on you for their safety and well-being—especially during emergencies.

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[Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving](#)

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## **Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide**

The 2023 Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide is an essential resource for families and communities.

Hurricanes are severe tropical storms, massive storm systems, that form over the open water in the southern Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico and in the eastern Pacific Ocean. Each year, many coastal communities experience threats from hurricanes including heavy rains, strong winds, rip currents, floods and coastal storm surges from tropical storms and hurricanes.

A hurricane may spawn tornadoes. Torrential rains cause further damage by causing floods and landslides, which not only threaten coastal communities but may impact communities many miles inland. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30, with the peak occurring between mid-August and late October.

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[Virginia Department of Emergency Management](#)

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## Tornadoes

Be prepared! Tornadoes may strike quickly, with little to no warning, causing extensive damage to structures and disrupting transportation, power, water, gas, communications and other services in their direct path and in neighboring areas.

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