

# National Resource Center for Child Protective Services

## Technical Assistance Site Report



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## Technical Assistance Request:

Mississippi Department of Human Services has requested assistance in preparing and implementing a Costal Recovery Plan to deal with the affects of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. This effort will focus on the three gulf counties of Hancock, Harrison and Jackson. It will create a plan to help assure safety and permanency for children and help Mississippi meet the requirements of its renegotiated Performance Improvement Plan.

## Site Visit:

Anna Stone has made three site visits to Mississippi: April 13 & 14, April 27, 28 & 29, and May 9 & 10, 2006. These days were used to gather information from a wide variety of stakeholders for use in crafting the Costal Recovery Plan. Meetings were held with representatives of DHS and other state agencies, foster parents, staff, educators, private providers and community leaders in the three county area.

## Next Steps:

While the Costal Recovery Plan is still being developed it is anticipated that NRCCPS will be assisting Mississippi with the following issues:

- Complete backlog of investigations

- Improve timeliness of investigations

- Assure safety of children living with birth family

- Assure safety of children in out of home care