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**Free symposium to prepare professionals
helping hurricane disaster survivors**

A free symposium will prepare health care workers, education professionals and rescue workers to better help children and their families as they cope with trauma and losses from disasters such as Hurricane Katrina.

“Addressing Psychosocial Trauma: A Community Based Approach,” is scheduled for Oct. 14-15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select Greenway, 2712 Southwest Freeway.

The symposium targets physicians, nurses, teachers, counselors, clergy and parents. Those interested in registering for the conference can call 713-794-9915.

Topic sessions include recognizing the psychological consequences of disasters amongst survivors, interviewing traumatized children, creating a therapeutic classroom for traumatized and displaced children and helping rescue workers deal with compassion fatigue. For more detailed symposium information, visit www.houstonhealth.org.

The Houston Department of Health and Human Services, Houston Independent School District, International Center for Psychosocial Trauma-University of Missouri, Muslim Physicians of Greater Houston and Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America are sponsoring the symposium.

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