

# How Disaster Psychosocial Services (DPS) can Assist Communities: Recent Deployments to Wildfires and Floods



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# What is DPS?



# DPS on Scene



- Supports evacuated families who are impacted by the disaster
- Supports Emergency Operations Centre personnel & responders
- Supports Emergency Support Services (ESS) personnel & other agencies & volunteers





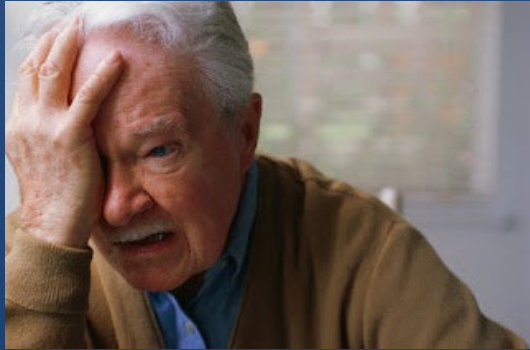
# How I Assisted in the 2021 Abbotsford Flood

- Meet & Greet
- Supported evacuees to deal with grief and loss
- Helped to support travellers & migrant workers
- Supported ESS volunteers & agencies' personnel
- Helped support persons with mental health concerns
- Team Support Worker at EOC



# How I assisted in the 2023 Okanagan Wildfires

- Assisted in the relocation of seniors from seniors home in Kelowna to Vancouver
- Meet & Greet
- Supported evacuees to deal with grief and loss
- Team Support Worker at EOC
- Supported ESS & other volunteers





## DPS Program Updates



UBC Emergency Preparedness Fair on June 28th

Thank you to the DPS Team who took part in the UBC Emergency Preparedness functional exercise. Always a great way to connect in person with others from DPS and get some practice in when possible before the real thing! In this case pictured in centre from left to right: Laurie Pearce, Donna Huywan and Claire Zhang.



WELLNESS EXCHANGE

Virtual Facilitation Training

Alberta Health Services

The image shows a woman with curly hair, wearing a grey shirt and a dark vest, smiling and raising her right hand in a celebratory gesture. To her left is a logo for 'WELLNESS EXCHANGE' featuring icons for a question mark, a plus sign, a lightbulb, and a checkmark. Below the logo is a blue banner with the text 'Virtual Facilitation Training'. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'Alberta Health Services'.

# Exercises & Training

- Support communities and organizations in their exercises
- Provides Psychological First Aid training free to local communities
- In collaboration with Alberta Mental Health, provides Wellness Exchange/Skills for Psychological Recovery for community recovery from disaster (6 sessions)

# Questions?

