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Disaster mental health services available for Rolette County tornado victims

BISMARCK, N.D. – Counseling and other disaster mental health services are available to residents of Rolette County who were affected by the July 7 tornadoes.

People who may be struggling with the effects of the tornadoes and resulting damage and who are having difficulties such as anxiety, depression, stress or other mental health concerns can access mental health treatment services through the Quentin Burdick Memorial Hospital in Belcourt, N.D., or through the N.D. Department of Human Services’ Lake Region Human Service Center outreach office in Rolla.

To access services through the IHS hospital, call 701-477-8658 or 701-477-8659, or after hours, call the emergency room at 701-477-8450 or 8460.

Lake Region Human Service Center’s Rolla outreach office is located at 113 Main Avenue. Walk-ins are welcome. People can also call 701-477-8272 to schedule an appointment.

The human service center also has a 24-Hour Crisis Line at 701-662-5050. Collect calls are accepted. During regular business hours, the Lake Region Human Service Center in Devils Lake can be reached at 1-888-607-8610 or TTY 701-665-2211.

Mental health professionals are working together with local emergency officials to determine and respond to needs. Available services may include individual, group, or family therapy for adults and children impacted by the tornado.

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