



Making Afterschool Cool After Harvey

CASE for Kids, Harris County Department of Education's Center for Afterschool, Summer and Enrichment for Kids, is back at work with a growing charge to best serve our out-of-school time community. We are inspired by stories of partners going above and beyond to serve youth while impacting families struggle to recover from Hurricane Harvey's impact on the greater Houston area. During this time of recovery, we have extended deadlines, gathered resources and are seeking information to create a plan to leverage resources and potential funds dedicated to recovery for our out-of-school time community.

Please take a minute to review:

Extension of CASE for Kids Deadlines

We hope that all CASE funded sites that are able to serve youth, open their doors as soon as possible to help stabilize families as they return to work. Extensions were sent out directly to each program.

- The [City Connections Project Grant](#) deadline originally scheduled for 9/5/2017 was extended to 9/19/17.
- The [Afterschool and Summer Service Providers Request for Proposal \(RFP\)](#) deadline originally scheduled for 9/12/2017 was extended to 9/15/17.

Resources

As the physical clean up continues, all of us, including students are dealing with the stress and trauma caused by the storm. There is an abundance of resources available online for educators to assist students in dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Our colleagues at [Houston Arts Partners](#) have developed a toolkit and [Mental Health Association of Greater Houston](#) has compiled a list of resources that can provide direction.

CASE for Kids has identified several resources that we felt would be particularly helpful in assisting afterschool students to process this natural disaster.

- [My Hurricane Story](#) - A guided workbook for children (Mercy Corps)
- [Teachers Guidelines for Helping Students After Hurricane](#) (The National Child Traumatic Stress Network)
- [Managing Traumatic Stress after Hurricanes](#) (American Psychological Association)
- [8 books to Help Children Understand Natural Disasters and Cope with Anxiety](#) (Forbes)

Hurricane Harvey Recovery Assessment

We are preparing a survey that will help us understand 1) what our programs and providers did to help Houston youth while school districts were closed, 2) what losses and barriers they will have to return to normal services, and 3) How CASE for Kids can help in the provision of social and emotional supports to and for staff. We will integrate a Houston OST recovery theme in the upcoming Lights On Afterschool! Event, CASE for Kids Out-of-School Time Conference and launch of the Out 2 Learn quality network for afterschool providers in January.

Together, as a community we can keep our students and our afterschool programs, #HoustonStrong! AND #makingafterschoolcool!