



PRESS RELEASE

UWF Partners with State Agencies for Disaster Preparedness

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PENSACOLA - The University of West Florida will co-sponsor the Gulf States Disaster Recovery Symposium, which will address the human side of disaster recovery planning, June 5 and 6 in the UWF Commons Conference Center, Building 22. The cost is \$25 per person. Attendance will be capped at 300.

The symposium will address issues that affect coordination of social services, affordable housing, workforce issues, partnerships, crisis counseling, recovery plans, homelessness and more. The event will bring together state and local governments, private and non-profit sectors and volunteers to discuss the challenges of addressing the aftermath of storms and reducing the dramatic changes they bring to our communities. States participating include Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

As part of the symposium, UWF President John Cavanaugh, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Services Pete Metarko, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Jim Hurd and Associate Vice President of Internal Auditing Betsy Bowers will present "Disaster Preparation for Universities and Colleges." The session will be held June 6 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

In conjunction with the symposium, both the Florida and Mississippi workforce agencies will showcase Mobile One-Stops, large customized RVs that have sets of PCs, telephones, faxes and training materials that are connected to the Internet by a satellite dish. The mobile units enable those seeking workforce services during a disaster to apply for unemployment compensation online, search for jobs, prepare/post résumés and search for other needed assistance. The units on display will be fully operational and available for use by job seekers and students interested in post-graduation job opportunities.

For more information or to register, visit
<http://www.findflorida.org/content/view/54/58/>.

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