

FINDING ASSISTANCE AFTER A MASS VIOLENCE EVENT



ABOUT THE GUIDE

The victims of mass violence and mass shootings are eligible for a number of benefits through various government agencies. If you or one of your family members is the victim of a mass shooting or has been impacted by a mass violence event, there are resources and programs to help you navigate the aftermath of this type of tragedy.

This guide is intended to provide you with information to assist you and your family members. It is not intended to be comprehensive, and there may be other resources and programs not included here.

The first part of the guide will provide you with answers to questions you might have following a mass violence event. The second part is a directory of resources, broken down by category and geography, to assist you in getting the help you need.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

VICTIMS COMPENSATION BOARD

California has established the Victims Compensation Board to provide financial assistance to victims of crime to help them restore their lives. victims.ca.gov

GENERAL RELIEF

If you have very little income and resources, and you are a single adult or couple with no children, you may be eligible for General Relief cash payments from LA County. Contact the Department of Public Social Services at 866-613-3777 for updated information.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

If you have suffered a physical injury or mental trauma as a result of a mass violence event at your workplace, you may be entitled to Workers' Compensation benefits. Workers' Compensation benefits can cover lost wages, medical expenses and treatments. You should consult with a Workers' Compensation attorney. You can also find general information from the California Division of Workers' Compensation at 1-800-736-7401.

REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE/ TRAFFICKING & CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE

The Refugee Cash Assistance Program (RCA) is available to refugees who are not eligible for other cash aid. If you are a refugee or asylee, a survivor or human trafficking, or have a pending or granted U-visa, you may be eligible for assistance under RCA or the Trafficking and Crime Victim Assistance Program (TCVAP). Contact your DPSS Customer Service Center at 866-613-3777 for updated information.

SOCIAL SECURITY

If you are elderly or disabled, you may be eligible for Social Security Retirement, Social Security Disability Insurance, or Supplemental Security Income. Learn more at ssa.gov or call 800-772-1213. Application assistance is available for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, from the Countywide Benefits Entitlement Services Team at 844-804-5200.

CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS

If you are an elderly or disabled immigrant who is not eligible for Supplemental Security Income due to your immigration status, you may be eligible for the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI). Contact your DPSS Customer Service Center at 866-613-3777.

CalWORKs ("TANF")

If you have experienced a loss of income after a mass violence event you may be eligible to receive various public benefits from the government. Each benefit has its own eligibility requirements that you will need to meet to qualify to receive it. If you lost income and you have children under the age of 18, you may be eligible for CalWORKs, a program that gives cash aid and services to eligible families. CalWORKs can provide immediate and ongoing assistance. The program can also help pay for time in a motel, and can cover back rent or move-in costs to a new apartment. If you already have CalWORKs, you may be eligible for a nonrecurring special needs assistance payment or emergency homeless assistance, even if you used homeless assistance already within the last 12 months. Contact the Department of Public Social Services at 866-613-3777 for updated information.

FOOD ASSISTANCE



CALFRESH

If you lost income and resources due to a mass violence event, you may be eligible for food assistance through CalFresh, also known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). To qualify for these monthly benefits, you must have a current bank balance of less than \$2,001, or less than \$3,001 if you share your household with a person over 60 or a person with a disability. Some applicants can receive expedited CalFresh benefits within three days of applying. For expedited benefits, you must have less than \$150 in income and less than \$100 in liquid resources, or have housing costs that are greater than your income and resources, or have a domestic violence survivor in your household.



WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN PROGRAM (WIC)

If you are pregnant or have a child under five years of age, the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) can help provide nutritious foods and more resources to keep your growing family healthy.

Call (888) 942-2229 to apply.

HEALTHCARE



MEDI-CAL

If your ability to work or earn income has decreased following a mass violence event, you may be eligible for Medi-Cal, a federally funded medical insurance program that can help you access many medical services for free. You must meet the income and resource requirements to qualify. If you lost documentation that would prove your income and resources due to the mass violence event, you can simply submit a signed, sworn statement. Learn more at dpss.lacounty.gov



IMMEDIATE/ EMERGENCY MEDI-CAL

Medi-Cal's Hospital Presumptive Eligibility Program (HPE) provides immediate access to temporary, no-cost Medi-Cal while you are applying for permanent Medi-Cal or other health coverage. The Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) Gateway offers expedited qualification for children. Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women provides immediate, pregnancy-related Medi-Cal coverage for pregnant women.



TRUSTS & ESTATES

Victims of violence may have changed medical needs or permanent disabilities that make them eligible for public benefit programs, as well as certain saving programs and trusts to enhance their quality of life (e.g., Special Needs Trusts and ABLE accounts). Seek legal advice to see what programs and planning services you may qualify for.

UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS



U VISA

If you are the victim of a mass shooting or a mass violence event, you may be eligible for a U Visa—a special immigration status for immigrants who experience violent crimes in the United States and who cooperate with law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity. uscis.gov/humanitarian/victims-of-criminal-activity-u-nonimmigrant-status

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & CHILD CUSTODY

If you or your family are the victims of a mass shooting or mass violence event, you may need to address the custody of any minors (17 years old or younger) in your family.

If a custodial parent dies, and the non-custodial parent is a legal presumed parent of the child/children, custody automatically goes to the non-custodial parent and no family law order is needed.

If one or both custodial parents die and a non-parental family member or unrelated family friend would like to care for the child or children, the party seeking custody must go to probate court.

WORKERS' RIGHTS



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

If you lost your job because of the event, you may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits (UI) and can apply at 1-800-300-5616. You must have earned more than a certain amount in income and be able and available to actively seek work. UI benefits are designed to assist you financially as you look for other employment. You are encouraged to create an account and apply online: edd.ca.gov/en/unemployment



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Scan the code for a Resource Guide listing service providers in your area