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Locations:

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UpValley Family Centers - Napa County Wildfire Response



Courtesy of Tim Carl Photography



Up valley evacuee

Jenny Ocón, Executive Director, UpValley Family Centers: "Since Monday, October 9th our 20 full and part time staff, many of whom were evacuated from their homes, were actively engaged in responding to hundreds of Napa fire victims' needs onsite at the Napa Valley College Shelter and now in our Calistoga and St. Helena offices. We have solid systems in place from our experience with the 2015 Valley Fire that enable us to quickly respond to this current challenge. As 'second responders' we are here for the long run to connect people of all ages to the resources they need. It's what we do."

Limited emergency assistance is available to low-income individuals who live or work in Napa County. Those interested can go to the [Napa Local Assistance Center](#) and upvalley residents can schedule appointments by calling UpValley Family Centers at (707) 965-5010.

In addition, we are collaborating with the County of Napa to conduct Resource Fairs in Calistoga:

County and Community Resource Fairs

Monday, October 23th and Wednesday, October 25th from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Calistoga Catholic Church - Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 901 Washington St, Calistoga, CA 94515

Open to all, in Spanish and English. Resources available from the following organizations:

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Employment Development Department (EDD)
- Napa County Health & Human Services
- UpValley Family Centers
- Bay Area Legal Aid
- Fair Housing Napa Valley
- And more

Our bilingual staff are ready to assist with: emergency financial assistance, N95 masks, food resources, replacement of immigration documents, unemployment applications, linkages to health and mental health services and more.

All services are free of charge and confidential, available in English and Spanish. Updated resources are on our website: <http://upvalleyfamilycenters.org/emergency-assistance/>

We have received generous offers of clothing and bedding which we unfortunately do not have the capacity to accept. To support the disaster response, here are three funds you might consider.

- [UpValley Family Centers](#)
- [Napa Valley Community Foundation](#)
- [Latino Community Foundation](#)

We are grateful for the extraordinary support received by the Napa Valley Community Foundation, our volunteers and the community at large that make this emergency assistance possible. If you would like to stay informed of UVFC developments or share information, like our [Facebook page](#) or visit our website: www.upvalleyfamilycenters.org

Organizational Overview:

- We operate family resource centers in Calistoga and St. Helena, serving over 3,000 individuals annually in our rural communities. Approximately 35% of up valley residents use our services and 80% of those are living below the poverty line. Our clients live and work in Calistoga, St. Helena, Deer Park, Angwin, Pope Valley, Lake Berryessa, Oakville, Rutherford.
- Our 20 staff provide services in English and Spanish to promote healthy, positive outcomes.
- We collaborate with over 40 social service partners throughout Napa County to coordinate the services our local residents need. Our Program Focus Areas are:
 - Community Connections: Guided Resource and Referrals
 - Economic Success: Emergency assistance, free tax preparation, financial literacy
 - Immigrant Integration: Citizenship, DACA application assistance, ESL classes
 - Health & Wellness: Health insurance assistance, domestic violence services
 - Education: Parent education, parent/child playgroups, youth mentoring
 - Seniors: Guided referrals, case management, educational workshops

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