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BROOME COUNTY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER




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NEWS

Healthy Neighborhoods Program

The Broome County Health Department has a new initiative called the Healthy Neighborhoods Program. The program will provide homeowners and renters in 2 target areas within Binghamton and Johnson City with a free site survey assessing the health and safety of their residence, and based on the survey results, residents will receive free supplies to mitigate potential risks. For more information call the Environment Health Line at (607) 778-2887.

Southern Tier HEARTSafe Communities

This regional project between the Susquehanna Regional EMS Council, UHS, Lourdes, the American Heart Association, Broome County Office of Emergency Services, and the Broome County Health Department aims to improve survival from sudden cardiac arrest. Through CPR/AED training, health education, and an emergency response plan, organizations and communities in the Southern Tier can become accredited as Heart Safe Communities. For more information, please visit SouthernTierHEARTSafe.org.



Youth Disaster Preparedness Program



Are the children in your neighborhood or school district prepared for disaster? Disasters can happen at any time, and we all have to be prepared. As a part of Global Youth Service Day (April 17-19), Save the Children has created a unique toolkit to organize disaster preparedness projects for youth. [Click here](#) to view the brand new Prep Rally Youth Service Toolkit from Save the Children, and for more information about this initiative please visit savethechildren.org/GetReady.

TRAININGS & EXERCISES

Volunteers Needed for Health Department Exercise

The Broome County Health Department is conducting an exercise on April 23 to test its ability to rapidly distribute medications to a large number of people. They are looking for as many volunteers as possible to act as patients. No special skills or training are required, and all individuals aged 18+ are welcome to participate as volunteers. Volunteers should report to the Broome County Arena at 12:30 PM on 4/23 and will be needed until approximately 3:30 PM. **Interested**



volunteers should RSVP to sdubord@bccoad.org. [Click here for the volunteer recruitment flyer.](#)

Disaster Volunteer Management Workshop on April 16

United Way of Broome County is hosting its annual Volunteer Management Conference on April 16 from 1-6:30 at the Doubletree Hotel in Binghamton. The conference offers 6 workshops on volunteer management topics. One of the workshops is titled *Managing Spontaneous Unaffiliated Volunteers During a Disaster*, taught by Broome County COAD Executive Director Shelbi DuBord. This session runs from 3:35-4:40 PM. To see the full list of workshops and to register, [visit the conference page here.](#)

CALENDAR

Check our website for upcoming meetings and events! <http://bccoad.org/events/month/>

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