



### **What is California H.O.P.E?**

On September 22, 2015, there was a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the Butte and Valley Fires. The Valley Fire ranks among the top three most destructive wildfires in California history having burned 76,067 acres and destroyed 1,238 homes in Lake County. The Butte Fire burned a total of 70,868 acres and destroyed 507 homes in Calaveras County. Due to the tragic detriment in both counties, California applied for the Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP), a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant administered through an interagency Federal partnership between FEMA and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services

California H.O.P.E. assists individuals and communities in recovering from the challenging effects of the Butte and Valley Fires through the provision of community-based outreach and psychoeducational services.

### **California H.O.P.E Services:**

- *Individual Crisis Counseling* - Helps survivors understand their reactions, improve coping strategies, review their options, and connect with other individuals and agencies that may assist them
- *Basic Supportive or Educational Contact* - General support and information on resources and services available to disaster survivors
- *Group Crisis Counseling* - Group sessions led by trained crisis counselors who offer skills to help group members cope with their situations and reactions
- *Public Education* - Information and education about typical reactions, helpful coping strategies, and available disaster related resources
- *Community Networking and Support* - Relationship building with community resource organizations, faith-based groups, and local agencies
- *Assessment, Referral, and Resource Linkage* - Adult and child needs assessment and referral to additional disaster relief services or mental health or substance abuse treatment

- *Development and Distribution of Educational Materials* - Flyers, brochures, tip sheets, educational materials, and Web site information developed and distributed by CCP staff

- *Media and Public Service Announcements* - Media activities and public messaging in partnership with local media outlets, State and local governments, charitable organizations, or other community brokers of information

**If you or someone you know were affected by the fires and are in need any of the above services please contact:**

**California H.O.P.E Lake County: (707) 572-0144**

**California H.O.P.E Calaveras County: (209) 754-6300**