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Project Rebound coming to a close for storm victims

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BIRMINGHAM, AL (WBRC) - Charlotte Jenkins has helped thousands of April 27th tornado victims. Whether it be lending an ear to listen to or a number to call, she is the team coordinator for Project Rebound.

"We provide door to door service where we will come to the individual and we will provide an assessment and crisis counseling," said Jenkins.

FEMA launched Project Rebound to serve as a type of middle man after the April 27th tornado. The program is aimed at steering storm victims in the right direction and getting their life back post storm.

Linda Bond's home was destroyed in the tornado. She, unlike many others, was fortunate to move into a new home easily, but she knows others who have not had the same luck.

"I know there are a lot of people or some people that are still having insurance problems and that might be a help to some of them," said Jenkins.

Some people like Barbara Jones. More than a year after the storm, she is still sending in claims.



Storm victims are running out of time to get help from Project Rebound.

"That's a little bit of the problem that we've been having is them sending back the money in the length of time that we need them sent back to replace things," said Jones.

Jones said she can benefit from Project Rebound, but she only has a few weeks to get one-on-one help. FEMA is ending the program June 25th.

"We have a deadline that was set in place. Originally we were supposed to be set in place at least for one year. We've seen a lot of recovery. A lot of the survivors are resilient. They've actually been able to show signs they're getting their lives back on course," said Jenkins.

It is proof this program has done exactly what was set out to be accomplished. After June 25th, a number of other outlets will be available. Those include:

National Distress Hotline at 1-800-985-5990 or text "Talkwithus" to 66746.

Crisis Center of Alabama – 1-205-323-7777

Statewide community resource service - 211

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