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Katrina Practicum
Session 17

Agenda:

- Student Report Back
- Break Out Groups

Student Report Back:

1. Environmental Group:

- Gathering materials and resources
 - o Health Effects
 - o Clean Up
 - o Tenants Rights
 - What can be demanded of landlords
 - Right to return (esp. to get belongings)
- Final Product:
 - o Fold-out brochure (that can be hung up)
 - Health effects
 - Clean up
 - What materials are needed
 - Where to get materials
 - Contact Information
 - Experts
 - Stores
 - o Tenants' Rights brochure
- Students' Summer Work
 - o A number of students have developed individual grant proposals for the summer:
 - Environmental Center
 - Public education on toxicity
 - Environmental Education
 - o Graduate Student Council Grants:
 - Lafitte Corridor project work
 - o Group proposal:
 - Pairs of students visit New Orleans on consecutive weekends coordinating "train the trainers" workshops

2. Housing Group, Part 1

- Information Sheets:
 - o Tenants' Rights
 - o Insurance
 - o Limited Equity Coops and Community Land Trusts translated into a form on community building
 - o Legal Sheet:

- Criminal Justice
 - Contact to Louisiana group that assists people who are not getting the legal help they need
 - Contact someone working on housing and re-entry of the prison population
 - Tenants' Rights
 - Insurance Rights
 - Services cheat sheet
 - Direct services organizations that Ujaama can partner with
 - Community Organizing
 - Story project
 - Stories of how people have helped each other

3. Housing Group Part 2

- Acquisition and Financing Strategy
 - Map of blighted/adjudicated/schools/HUD-owned/City-owned properties.
 - Identified property clusters
 - Identified neighborhood investors
 - Will focus on one block in particular for the strategy
 - Will look at owner-occupied vs. not
 - Will identify potential acquisition properties
 - Will come up with programming and financing strategy