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BATON ROUGE, La. - The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Secretary Suzy Sonnier and Curt Eysink, Executive Director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, recently toured the state-run Megashelter in Alexandria to meet with emergency preparedness staff about disaster relief efforts.

View photos from the tour here: DCFS provides mass sheltering for the state during disasters and evacuations, and the Louisiana Workforce Commission is responsible for providing meals and snacks to evacuees housed in state-run shelters.

State officials met with Col. Michael Wood, DCFS Emergency Preparedness Regional Coordinator for the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services. They also met volunteers from the Northwestern State University Child and Family Network, providing respite child care, arts and crafts, games and other entertainment for children, and saw a display of artwork created by children in the shelter.

On Friday, there were about 1,800 evacuees sheltered at the Alexandria Megashelter, which was the peak occupancy since Hurricane Isaac made landfall. Since that time the shelter population has decreased to just over 1,000.