

# Collaborating to Address Needs



## **Information Sharing and Emergency Coordination Manual for Children in Foster Care Displaced by Disasters**

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# Tia's Story



- Social Services → Determining Placement
- Health Care → Diagnosing and Treating Conditions
- Education → Maintaining Academic Continuity



# Katrina's Children

## A Call to Conscience and Action

Children's Defense Fund

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

September 2, 2005

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Child Rights

**REPAIR PREVIOUS AND EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES**

Persons who are displaced and in need of health care as a result of a severe disaster... should receive... care... and... services... as soon as possible... and... information... to be shared... to ensure... efforts... and... to meet... needs... for... care...

**Provision and health care received by the REPAIR Primary Role use their patient information to all the following ways:**

- THE AGENCY:** Health care providers can share patient information as necessary to provide care.
- Treatment facilities:**
  - Sharing information with other providers (including hospitals and clinics) allowing patients to transfer (including taking records with patients) provides a more efficient care process. Some information, such as identifying information, should be shared with other providers to ensure continuity of care.
  - Patients can also share patient information to the extent necessary to seek services for their health care services.
- NOTIFY AGENCIES:** Health care providers can share patient information as necessary to provide care and public health services, including, but not limited to, communicable disease control, immunization, and other public health services.
- The health care provider should get verbal permission from individuals, when possible, for the individual's information to be available, providing emergency services for their care. It is the professional judgment, along with the information, to determine:**
  - When, where necessary, the benefit may justify the privacy, the parent, or the public at large to the extent necessary to help those directly or indirectly affected.

## Responding to an Emerging Humanitarian Crisis in Louisiana and Mississippi: Urgent Need for a Health Care "Marshall Plan"

Operation Assist  
www.childrensofhealthfund.org

Public Health Survey Summary Included

April 17, 2006

Children's Health Fund

## After the Storm: Information for Parents on How Schools Can Help After Disasters

A Handbook for Parents

Connecting Schools and Displaced Students Series Winter 2006

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# IN THE WAKE OF THE STORM:

## The ABA Responds to Hurricane Katrina

A Midyear activity report

GAO

Report to the Ranking Minority Member, Subcommittee on Human Resources, Committee on Ways and Means, House of Representatives

CHILD WELFARE

## Federal Action Needed to Ensure States Have Plans to Safeguard Children in the Child Welfare System Displaced by Disasters

GAO

## Strategy Brief

### Managing in Emergencies

Enhancing Collaboration for Human Services

By Christine Lind

**Introduction**

The aftermath of Hurricane Katrina is a poignant reminder of the need to ensure that human services in emergency situations are coordinated and effective. This brief examines the challenges faced by human service providers in the aftermath of a disaster and offers strategies for enhancing collaboration and effectiveness.

**Human Service Providers in Emergency Situations**

- Human service providers are essential in emergency situations, providing support and assistance to vulnerable populations.
- Effective collaboration is key to ensuring that services are coordinated and effective.
- Key strategies for enhancing collaboration include:
  - Establishing clear roles and responsibilities.
  - Improving communication and information sharing.
  - Building trust and relationships.
  - Developing shared goals and objectives.
  - Providing ongoing training and support.

## Coping with Disasters and Strengthening Systems

### A Framework for Child Welfare Agencies

National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement

# PEDIATRICS

A SUPPLEMENT TO PEDIATRICS

## Hurricane Katrina, Children, and Pediatric Nurses

American Academy of Pediatrics

## Child welfare matters.

Improving operations, making a difference

### Coping with Disasters: Tips for Child Welfare Agencies

From the Field: A Colorado County Director's Perspective

National Child Welfare Resource Center for Organizational Improvement

## Proceedings of The Rural Early Childhood Forum On Hurricane Recovery and Emergency Preparedness

Dec. 5, 2005 Mobile, Alabama

Rural Early Childhood Learning Institute

## Temporary Planning Today

# HURRICANES

## CHILD WELFARE

On August 27, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast of the United States, causing widespread destruction and displacement. This report provides information on the impact of hurricanes on child welfare systems and offers strategies for coping with disasters.

Key findings include:
 

- Disasters can have a significant impact on child welfare systems, including the displacement of children and the loss of services.
- Child welfare agencies need to have emergency plans in place to ensure the safety and well-being of children during disasters.
- Collaboration between child welfare agencies and other emergency responders is essential for effective disaster response.

## After KATRINA

Federalism after Hurricane Katrina How Can Social Programs Respond to a Major Disaster?

by Tony Pipa

2006

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## NONPROFIT SECTOR RESEARCH FUND

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### Weathering the Storm: The Role of Local Nonprofits in the Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort

by Tony Pipa

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## Study for Government that Gulf Coast Hurricanes: Lessons Learned for Protecting and Educating Children

Preliminary Observations

What GAO Did This Study

Summary of Findings

Background

Agency Comments

GAO Response

Study Limitations

## Protecting Children from Sexual Exploitation & Sexual Violence in Disaster & Emergency Situations

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## On the Brink: Children and Families Displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Face a Looming Medical and Mental Health Crisis

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Presented by David Anderson, PhD, MPH & Richard Lasker, PhD, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Columbia University

RELEASE DATE: April 11, 2006

## KNOW THE RULES...

### Survival Tips for Children on Disasters

On the Brink: Children and Families Displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Face a Looming Medical and Mental Health Crisis

1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)

www.lost.org

# Translating Lessons Learned into Improved Practices

Literature from various agencies and disciplines.



**Planning Strategies**



**Information Sharing  
Laws and Practices**



**Emergency  
Coordination**



# Emergency Planning Principles Applied to the Child Welfare Context

*“A crisis is no time to exchange business cards.”*

Investment in Partnership Building →  
Better Emergency Preparedness +  
Improved Service Delivery

# Issues to Consider for Manual Compilation and Training:



- Conducting Local/State Needs Assessments?
- Funding?
- Organizing?
- Determining Forum for Trainings?
- Evaluating Program?
- Maintaining Collaboration?