Disaster Preparedness, Response and Recovery Considerations for Children and Families: An Institute of Medicine Workshop

June 10, 2013
Keck Center, Room 100
500 Fifth St., NW
Washington D.C. 20001

Background:

Communities across the United States face the threat of disasters almost every day, both large and small. Children represent nearly 25 percent of the U.S. population, but current state and local preparedness plans often do not include specific considerations for pediatric populations and families. The preparedness and resilience of communities related to children will require a systems framework for disaster preparedness across traditional and non-traditional medical and public health stakeholders, including community organizations, schools, and other partners in municipal planning.

This workshop will examine medical and public health preparedness related to children and families including children with special healthcare needs. The workshop will review already existing tools and frameworks that can be modified to include pediatric needs, as well as partnerships and organizations with vested interest that can be leveraged in planning to improve outcomes and allow for pediatric considerations to be integrated throughout local and state emergency plans. A special focus on resilience and recovery will highlight best practices already being employed specifically for children, and what opportunities exist to explore successful recovery strategies further.
Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss progress being made in different sectors around the country related to the 2010 National Commission Recommendations and opportunities for integrating related pediatric work into local and state planning efforts
- Discuss opportunities to augment children’s benefits by leveraging existing coalitions
  - Explore coalition challenges and successes from federal, state, local and provider perspectives
- Describe opportunities to strengthen public health partnerships to address the needs of children and families
- Understand barriers and challenges to better financial systems related to pediatric preparedness
  - Discuss importance of healthcare financing education among stakeholders
  - Consider strategies to reduce the financial burden on public health and healthcare facilities
- Emphasize different capabilities needed for mass care and sheltering to provide for families and children with special healthcare needs
- Examine resilience strategies that lead to successful recovery in children after a disaster
- Understand current approaches and interventions to improve recovery in children after any type of emergency or disaster
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8:15a.m. Welcome and Introductions

MICHAEL R ANDERSON MD FAAP, workshop chair
Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, UH Case Medical Center
Chief Medical Officer, UH Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital
Associate Professor of Pediatric Critical Care, Case Western Reserve
University School of Medicine

8:30a.m. Keynote Speaker: Highlighting the Demand for a Focus on Children and Families

IRWIN REDLENER
Director
National Center for Disaster Preparedness

SESSION I: Progress Made/Highlights from National Commission on Children and Disasters

Session Objectives:
- Examine highlighted recommendations and gaps identified during the National Commission on Children and Disasters
- Discuss progress being made in different sectors around the country and opportunities for integrating work into local and state planning efforts

8:50a.m. Overview of 2010 Commission Recommendations

DAVID SCHONFELD
Pediatrician-in-Chief, St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children
Director, National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement
9:05 a.m. Progress of 2010 Commission Recommendations

DAN DODGEN
Director
Division for At-risk Individuals, Behavioral Health and Community Resilience
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

9:20 a.m. Discussion with Attendees

9:35 a.m. BREAK

SESSION II: How Can we Leverage Healthcare Coalitions for the Benefit of Children

Session Objective:
- Discuss opportunities to augment children’s benefits by leveraging existing coalitions
- Discuss achieving duality of service delivery and level of preparedness to increase capacity every day and not just during disasters
- Explore coalition challenges and successes from federal, state, local and provider perspectives

9:50 a.m. Session Chair: Introduction and Overview of Objectives

ANDREW C. RUCKS, planning committee
Professor, Department of Health Care Organization and Policy
School of Public Health
The University of Alabama at Birmingham

10:00 a.m. Panel Presentations: Challenges and Benefits of Regional Coalitions, How to Overcome Barriers, Best Practices

RICHARD HUNT
Senior Medical Advisor
National Healthcare Preparedness Programs
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response

ALLISON BLAKE
Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Children and Families

PATRICIA FROST, planning committee
Director
Emergency Medical Services
Contra Costa County Health Services
SESSION III: Opportunities for Integration of Children and Family Needs to State and Local Planning

Session Objectives:
- Discussing potential alignment of PHEP/HPP capabilities with pediatric planning considerations
- Describe opportunities to strengthen public health partnerships
- Exploring cross collaboration with community agencies

11:15 a.m. Discussion with Attendees

11:30 a.m. LUNCH

12:30 p.m. Session Chair: Introduction and Overview of Objectives

GEORGINA PEACOCK, planning committee
Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician
Medical Officer
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

12:40 p.m. Panel Discussion: Benefits, Gaps and Tactics in including child serving partners in municipal emergency planning

GINNY SPRANG
Professor, College of Medicine Department of Psychiatry
Executive Director, UK Center on Trauma and Children

EVELYN LYONS
EMSC Manager
Division of EMS & Highway Safety
Illinois Department of Public Health

LINDA SMITH
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development Administration for Children and Families
1:30 p.m. Discussion with Attendees

1:45 p.m. Panel discussion: Augmenting the Reach of Public Health Planning through Community Action

PATRICIA WRIGHT
National Director
Autism Services at Easter Seals

PETER GUDAITIS
Chief Response Officer
New York Disaster Interfaith Services

ASHLEY HOUSTON
Youth Preparedness Council
Citizen Corps/FEMA

2:45 p.m. Discussion with Attendees

3:05 p.m. BREAK

SESSION IV: Financing Healthcare for Children in Emergencies: Understanding Barriers

Session Objective:
- Discuss importance of healthcare financing education among stakeholders
- Understand barriers and challenges to better financial systems related to pediatric preparedness
- Consider strategies to reduce the financial burden on public health and healthcare facilities

3:20 p.m. Session Chair: Introduction and Overview of Objectives - Importance of education of healthcare financing and how its changes impact organizations and communities

JOHN WIBLE (RET.)
General Counsel
Alabama Department of Public Health

3:35 p.m. Panel Discussion: Funding and Legal Barriers Encountered and Opportunities for Enhanced Payment

Health System Policy Perspective

GREGG S. MARGOLIS
Director
Division of Health System Policy
Department of Health and Human Services

Private Insurer Perspective
ROBERT W. SMITH  
Senior Medical Director  
Central Region  
UnitedHealthcare Clinical Services

Hospital Perspective

AMY KNIGHT  
Senior Vice President  
Children’s Hospital Association

Provider Perspective

SCOTT NEEDLE, planning committee  
Community Pediatrician  
Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida

4:35 p.m. Discussion with Attendees

5:00 p.m. ADJOURN
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SESSION V: Operationalizing Response Considerations for Children

Session Objective:
- Discuss child and family specific needs during response phase
- Emphasize different capabilities needed for mass care and sheltering to provide for families and children with special healthcare needs
- Explore best practices and future strategies for comprehensive response plans related to children

8:20a.m. Session Chair: Introduction and Overview of Objectives

KARI TATRO
Executive Vice President
Emergency Management Operations
BCFS Health and Human Services

8:35a.m. Panel Discussion: Children and Family Needs During Mass Care/Sheltering Operations

Functional Needs Support Services

MARCIE ROTH
Director, Office of Disability Integration and Coordination
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Nutritional Needs and Family Reunification

MARY CASEY-LOCKYER
Manager, Disaster Health Services
American Red Cross

Mental Health

DAVID SCHONFELD
Pediatrician-in-Chief, St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children
Director, National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement

Temporary Child Care

JUDY BEZON
Former Associate Director
Children’s Disaster Services

9:45 a.m. Discussion with Membership

10:10 a.m. BREAK

10:25 a.m. Panel Discussion: Existing Best Practices and Future Potential Strategies During Response

BRUCE CLEMENTS, planning committee
Director
Community Preparedness Section
Texas Department of State Health Services

RICHARD DEVELDER
Senior Advisor for Accessible Transportation
Department of Transportation

JEFF UPPERMANN
Program Director
Disaster Resource and Training Center
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles

11:15 a.m. Discussion with Attendees

11:45 a.m. LUNCH
SESSION VI: Fostering Recovery through Community Resilience

Session Objective:
- Examine resilience strategies that lead to successful recovery in children after a disaster
- Understand connections between pre-event mitigation and post-event recovery for children and families
- Discuss opportunities for employing community resilience in different community sectors

12:45p.m.  Session Chair: Introduction and Overview of Objectives

KATHRYN BRINSFIELD
National Security Staff
The White House

1:00p.m.  White Paper Presentation: Resilient Practices and Characteristics that Lead to a Successful Recovery for Children after Disasters

DAVID ABRAMSON
Deputy Director
National Center for Disaster Preparedness
Assistant Professor of Clinical Sociomedical Sciences
Mailman School of Public Health

1:25p.m.  Discussion with Attendees

1:40p.m.  Panel Discussion: Promising Practices of Community Sectors Related to Children that Contribute to Successful Recoveries after Disasters

ANN S. MASTEN, planning committee
Irving B. Harris Professor of Child Development
Distinguished McKnight University Professor
Institute of Child Development
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

ANGIE BESENDORFER
Assistant Superintendent
Joplin Public School District
Joplin, Missouri

JEANNE-AIMEE DE MARRAIS
Advisor
Domestic Emergencies Program
Save the Children

2:30p.m.  Discussion with Attendees
### SESSION VII: Disaster Recovery with a Focus on Children and Families

**Session Objectives:**
- Understand current approaches and interventions to improve recovery in children after any type of emergency or disaster
- Examine available data and evidenced based methods to promote children’s needs
- Consider importance of measuring recovery through social and economic well-being of children

#### 3:05 p.m. Session Chair: Introduction and Overview of Objectives

**CAPT MARY RILEY**, *planning committee*
Director
Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness
Administration for Children and Families

#### 3:15 p.m. Panel Presentation: Approaches and Interventions in Disaster Recovery that Promote the Social and Economic Well-Being of Children?

**JOYCE THOMAS**
Regional Administrator
Administration for Children and Families Region II

**JANICE MOLNAR**
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Child Care Services
NYS Office of Children and Family Services

**LDCR JONATHAN WHITE**
Deputy Director
Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response
Administration for Children and Families

**MERRITT SCHREIBER**
Associate Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine
Center for Disaster Medical Sciences
UC Irvine School of Medicine
UC Irvine Medical Center

#### 4:15 p.m. Discussion with Attendees

#### 4:35 p.m. Next Steps: Report from Session Chairs on key takeaway messages
- What issues have not been addressed?
- How can people engage their communities to pass on lessons learned?

5:00 p.m. ADJOURN