

Disaster Impacts to Parents and Caregivers, Child Care

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Who they are

There are more than 600 CCR&Rs across the country, staffed by professionals who provide a bridge between parents, providers, community leaders, and policymakers.

Provide a voice for quality early childhood settings at the local, state and national level.



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Emergency Preparedness

In times of calm and in times of disaster, Child Care Aware® of America uses our relationships, data, and technology to help communities understand the landscape of child care before, during, and after an emergency.

- **Preparing Child Care Providers for all hazards**
- **Determining Need**
- **Mapping the Impact**
- **Locating Temporary Care**

Child Care Emergency Preparedness Matters

- Emergencies will happen
- Child care providers are on the frontlines
- How child care providers respond matters; they provide physical and emotional support for children, families, and staff
- Child care is an essential service to the community

“After school programs and child care providers are far more than simply a safe place to take your children while at work. We develop young minds, build character, provide healthy programs, and in times of crisis, we are the glue that helps hold a family together.”

-Program Executive Director in a community that experienced devastation from a tornado

Impacts to Infants and Toddlers

In 2018, Child Care Aware® of America asked early learning professionals from across the country to participate in an online survey to share information about how they evacuate infants and toddlers in their care.

- More than 2,200 people participated in the survey
- Child care centers and family child care were evenly represented
- Responses came from 46 states and the District of Columbia

Evacuation



Almost one in every five survey respondents said they have had to evacuate infants and toddlers in an emergency



Fire/smoke, gas leaks/smells, and severe weather were the most common emergencies experienced by participants

Historical Data on Disasters Impacting Child Care

- Superstorm Sandy: 2012
- Baton Rouge, Louisiana Flooding: 2016
- Hurricane Harvey: 2017
- California Wildfires: 2017



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Recognizing that emergency preparedness, response, and recovery is vital to the well-being of children, families, and communities, Child Care Aware of America's emergency preparedness team is committed to provide resources to CCR&Rs and partnering agencies to support the needs of the child care sector before, during, and after an emergency.

Is Your Child Care Program **Prepared** for Natural Disasters and **Emergencies**?

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