



Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.

As we wrap up National Preparedness Month with this year's theme of **Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.**

NCTSN wanted to share resources to continue those preparedness efforts:

Family Preparedness Wallet Cards and Fact Sheet for Caregivers and Educators

The Wallet Cards: Designed to make you feel safer. Your kids will have family, medical, and emergency information at their fingertips. In addition to family info, the card gives numbers and websites for a variety of emergency services. Have family members carry a card at all times so they are prepared in case an event occurs when family members are not together.

The Fact Sheet: Helps you learn the steps to take to BEFORE for an emergency event: (1) educate yourself and your family; (2) create a family emergency plan; (3) have a family communication plan; (4) make an emergency supply kit; (5) stay informed during and after an emergency; and (6) practice. Both resources are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean, Armenian, and Russian.

Wallet Cards>> <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/family-preparedness-wallet-card>

Fact Sheets>> <https://www.nctsn.org/resources/family-preparedness-thinking-ahead>

Help Kids Cope Mobile App

Teaches you what to do BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER 10 disaster types and provides simple language of how to talk to your kids in developmentally appropriate language. This app contains checklists to prepare your entire family and what to say “in the moment.” Help Kids Cope is a mobile app available for Apple and Android mobile devices.

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Emergency Preparedness In Schools

It is important for you to understand how your child’s school addresses emergency preparedness. This is the time to learn. One step in preparedness is for students and staff to practice what to do in different types of emergencies. NCTSN has a new factsheet, *Creating School Active Shooter/Intruder Drills*, which provides information to schools about how to create a trauma-informed active shooter/intruder drill and outlines the steps to take before, during, and after for students, school staff and parents.

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Preparing Your Organization to Respond to Disasters and Terrorism: Partnerships, Resources, and Best Practices

Effectively responding to the needs of children and families in times of disaster, terrorism, or public health emergencies requires organizations to stay up to date on changing sources available after a disaster or terrorism event; and strategies for staging response activities to address intermediate and long-term recovery. This series is designed to help child- and family-serving providers best position themselves to support their community following catastrophic events.

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