



***CHILDREN IN EMERGENCIES  
IN MISSOURI  
2014***

**Get Ready. Get Safe.**



# Save the Children

**Work in 120+ countries**

**In the US, a leading advocate and responder for children in emergencies**

- Served as Chair of National Commission on Children and Disasters & on FEMA's National Advisory Council
- National and State VOAD member
- Serving on National Mass Care Council and Leading Children in Disasters Coalition
- Red Cross partner providing care for children in shelters



# Save the Children

**US Emergencies Reach:** 800,000+ children served & provided \$25 million+ recovery support

**We always work in partnership**

**Key Partners:** FEMA, ARC, HHS ACF, AmeriCorps NCCC, FEMA Corps, National and State VOADs



# Children in Emergencies

## Save the Children's 3 Priorities:

- **Physical Protection**
- **Emotional Protection**
- **Learning Protection**



# Response Programs

- Immediate Rapid Assessment of Children's Unmet Needs
- Care for Children in Shelters
- Provide Essential Material Support
- Restoring Program Access:
  - Child Care Recovery
  - Schools
  - Afterschool



# Response Work Continued

- We facilitate coordination across Stakeholders: Children's Coordination Working Groups
- We help address Transportation Needs
- Restoration of Access to Programs and Human Services Supports:  
Schools and Child Care
- Also Focus on Children with Special Needs and/or Access and Functional Needs

# Recovery Programs

## Journey of Hope

- Long-term community-based psychosocial coping skill development for children and adult caregivers
- Multi-Session in-school curriculum that builds local capacity
- Developing curriculum for Birth to 3 year olds



## Child Care Recovery

# Resilience Programs and Preparedness

## State and Local Child Care Preparedness Initiatives

- **Child Care in Emergencies Working Groups**
- **Leadership Forums (Investing in Emergency Leadership training for 10+ year Child Care Leaders)**
- **Child Care Provider Trainings**
- **Get Ready. Get Safe Emergency Prep Rallies!**



# When an Emergency Strikes in Missouri

- **Coordination with State and National Partners**
- **Determining if we have something of value to add**
- **Outreach to and support of local partners**

# New Child Care Project in Missouri

**2 Year Project funded by the  
Margaret A. Cargill Foundation**

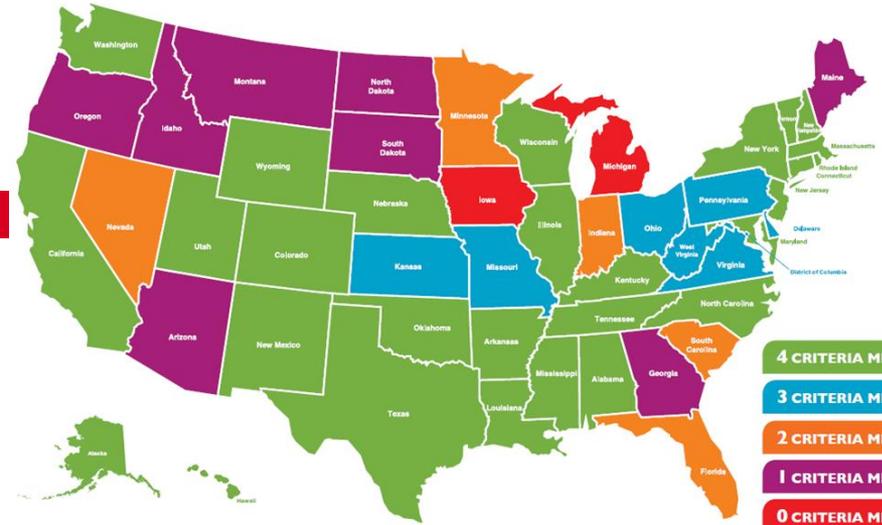
**2 States: Missouri and Arkansas**

**Focused on Child Care  
Preparedness and Investing in  
Local Leadership**



HOW FAR WE'VE COME IN  
10 YEARS:  
CHILDREN IN EMERGENCIES

# 2014 Disaster Report Card



Every day. In times of crisis. For our future.

**Save the Children.**

**What Are You Waiting For?**

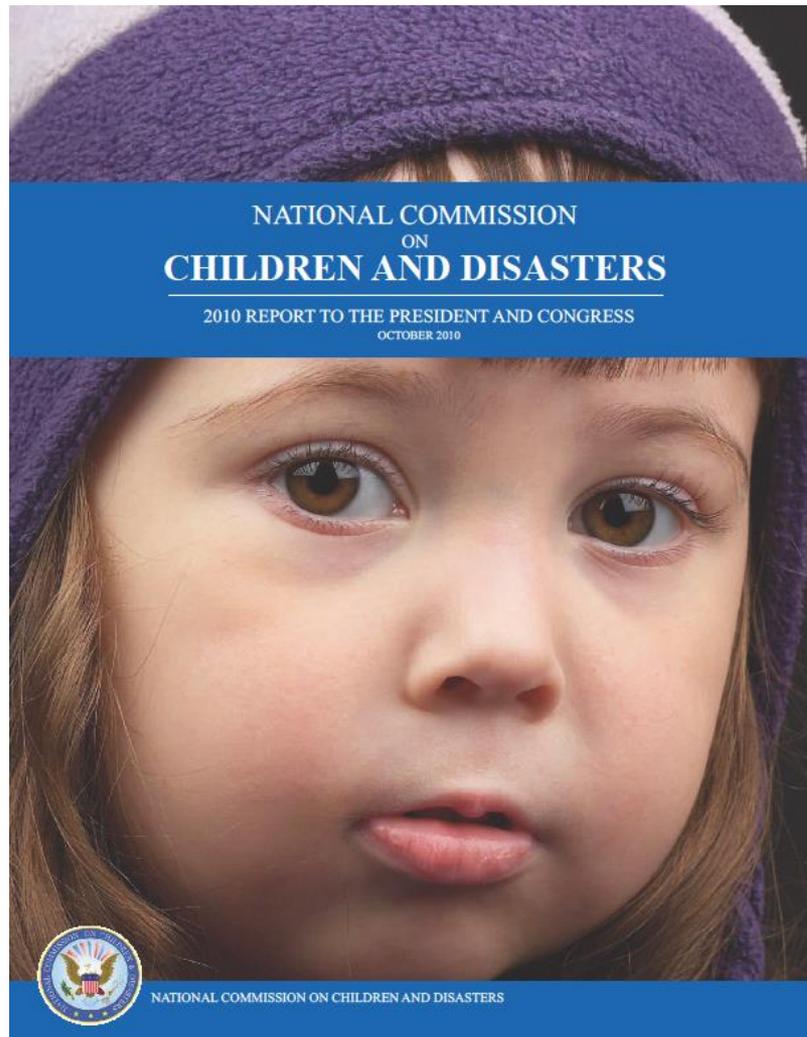
2014 National Report Card on Protecting Children in Disasters

# CCDBG Reauthorization 2014

Moving from Recommendation to Requirements to help safeguard children



# National Commission on Children and Disasters





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## Overarching Findings

**Children = 25% of the population, but...**

- **Placed into broad categories: “at-risk” “vulnerable” or “special needs” populations; annexes**
- **Unique needs unaddressed or misunderstood**
- **Homeland Security Grant \$\$: training, exercising, equipment intended for able-bodied adults**
- **Recovery \$\$: rebuilding infrastructure, not lives**



# National Commission on Children and Disasters



## Core Planning Principles

- **Integrate children across all phases of disasters**
- **Designate a lead agency and individual for coordinating children's needs**
- **Build on existing capabilities and requirements**
- **Adopt “whole community” approach: Feds, states, locals, non-profits, private sector, parents and even children**
- **Encourage relationship building and cooperation *prior* to disasters**
- **Require accountability: institute goals and progress monitoring measures**



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# Evacuation and Tracking

- **Contracts with private entities should ensure evacuation and transportation needs of children, incl. access and functional needs**
- **Evacuee and patient tracking systems include data relevant to identifying children**
- **Agencies must have legal and technological capabilities to share information**



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## Mass Care Shelter Operations & Supplies

### ➤ **National Standards and Indicators for Children in Mass Care Emergency Shelters**

- ✓ Children sheltered with families or caregivers
- ✓ Designate area for families away from general population
- ✓ Mechanism to address unaccompanied minors
- ✓ Temporary respite care for children

### ➤ **Shelter Supply List for Infants and Toddlers**

- ✓ Identifies basic supplies necessary to sustain and support 10 infants and children <4 years of age for a 24 hour period
- ✓ Formula, baby food, diapers, feeding bottles, cribs, portable playpens



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## Child Physical Health and Trauma

- **Access to/distribution of pediatric**
- **Build pediatric medical capabilities of response teams through specific training, supplies and personnel**
- **Provide pediatric disaster clinical training for health care professionals who may treat children during an emergency**
- **Ensure hospital Emergency Departments provide effective care for children**
- **Expedite recovery of pediatric health and mental health care delivery systems in disaster-affected areas**



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## Mental and Behavioral Health

- **Integrate mental and behavioral health for children into emergency plans and CCP requests**
- **Enhance pediatric disaster mental and behavioral health training for professionals and paraprofessionals**
- **Support long-term disaster-related mental health treatment for children**



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## Child Care Disaster Preparedness

- **Require disaster planning capabilities for child care providers**
- **Improve capacity to provide child care services in the immediate aftermath of and recovery from a disaster**
  - ✓ **FEMA reimburse state and local governments and private nonprofit organizations for child care provided in shelters or stand-alone facilities during the emergency sheltering period**
  - ✓ **HHS guidance for comprehensive statewide child care disaster plans**
  - ✓ **Save the Children/NACCRA guidance for child care providers**



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## Education

- **Improve the preparedness of schools and school districts**
- **Enhance the ability of school personnel to support children recovering from a disaster**
- **Know federal resources available to reopen and restore the learning environment in a timely manner**



# National Commission on Children and Disasters



**For More Information**

**Commission Website:** [www.childrenanddisasters.acf.hhs.gov](http://www.childrenanddisasters.acf.hhs.gov)

**Preparedness Indicators for Children:**

[www.childrenanddisasters.acf.hhs.gov/reports\\_studies/resources/  
Preparedness\\_IndicatorsModified\\_from\\_CPG\\_101\\_2\\_v5.pdf](http://www.childrenanddisasters.acf.hhs.gov/reports_studies/resources/Preparedness_IndicatorsModified_from_CPG_101_2_v5.pdf)

**Save the Children: The Unique Needs of Children in  
Emergencies**

[www.savethechildren.org/publications/emergencies/Children-in-  
Emergencies-Planning-Guide.pdf](http://www.savethechildren.org/publications/emergencies/Children-in-Emergencies-Planning-Guide.pdf)