

CT Child Care Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery Initiatives

Training, Education & Professional Development

Is Your Child Care Program Ready? Training provided through the Office of Early Childhood for early childhood providers.

This training helps providers focus on their emergency preparedness plans specific to the needs of their program in the event of an emergency. Creating and enhancing emergency preparedness plans in coordination with local emergency management personnel is a key component of the training. Additional areas of focus include best practices in security, evacuation, relocation and family re-unification. The training is based on publications by NACCRRRA¹ and Save The Children².

Data Collection and Reporting

Mapping of child care locations: The 211 Child Care website, <http://search.211childcare.org/>, provides location-based town and street level mapping of licensed child care facilities (centers and licensed family child care homes) for emergency management planning, response and recovery efforts.

Survey and Assessment: 211 Child Care Contact Centers utilize voice and electronic communications to collect damage assessments, business continuity status and recovery needs (local, state and federal).

Communication and Messaging Services

211 Child Care supports state and local emergency management and public health agencies by serving as a communication hub in disseminating public health and safety messaging. Mass outbound automated messaging (via voice, text, email, web) to over 5,000 child care facilities statewide delivers information on preparedness, response and recovery notifications, recommendations and alerts.

Reunification Support

211 Child Care Contact Centers and program database facilitate communication between emergency management, early care programs and families in parent/child reunification efforts.

Mental Health Resources

Compilation and dissemination of resources: Geared toward adults (parents and caregivers) in their work and interactions with children, resources and tip sheets offer support for social and emotional needs of children in response to emergencies, disasters and traumatic events.

Journey of Hope Resiliency Training for Caregivers: This workshop supports teachers, administrators, parents, guardians and child care providers in an effort to build trust and community, understand reactions to stress, enhance skills for coping and identify and amplify community strengths and assets.

¹ Is Your Child Care Program Ready? NACCRRRA. 2010.

² Protecting Children in Child Care During Emergencies, Recommended State and National Regulatory and Accreditation Standards for Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers and Supporting Rationale. NACCRRRA and Save the Children. 2010.