Indiana Emergency Response Planning
Guide For Child Care Providers

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National Commission on Children & Disasters

- Established in 2007
- Report the state of emergency preparedness & the impact on existing public policy
- Delivered in 2010 to President & Congress
Partners for Planning Guide

- Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral
- Indiana Department of Education, Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Community Environmental Health and Education
Partners for Planning Guide

- Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Planning and Assessment Division & Indiana State Fire Marshal’s Office
- Indiana Family & Social Services Administration, Bureau of Child Care
- Indiana School of Medicine, Emergency Medical Services for Children
- Indiana State Department of Health, Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response
Purpose

- Provide basic preparedness and planning information
- Five goals to educate providers on developing an Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

1. Creating and executing an emergency evacuation plan.

2. Collecting and posting emergency numbers.
Goals

3. Reviewing and posting guides on how to handle an emergency within the child care setting.

4. Training staff on specific roles and responsibilities during an emergency.

5. Reviewing special considerations for children with health needs and disabilities during an emergency.
Incident Command System and NIMS

- Guide follows and discusses ICS and National Incident Management System
- Provides Suggested Roles and Responsibilities Checklist to include Staff, Maintenance, and Parents
Current Indiana Requirements

- Fire/smoke/bomb threat emergencies
- Tornado
- Earthquake
Emergency Planning—More than a Good Idea

- Protects lives of children & staff
- Lessens impact on public or private property
- Provides an understanding of strengths and limitations
- Laws in place
- Liability for the provider
- Helps prevent chaos among parents, children, and staff
- Improves Recovery time
Information in the Guide

- Information from the 2010 HIRA
- Brief description of County EMAs and other local partners in the community
- Illness Prevention
- Suggested Emergency Actions & Matrix
- Child Care Planning Considerations
Information in the Guide

- Roles & Responsibilities of Staff
- Emergency Supplies
- Communication of the Emergency Response Plan
- Reunification
Information in the Guide

- Emergency drills & procedures
- Handling medical illness emergencies & disease outbreaks
- Special considerations for children with health care needs
- Recovering from an emergency
Information in the Guide

- Staff training resources
- Resources for the providers
- Along with “Tabs” for specific Issues
- Reproducible forms for centers to use
## Emergency Action Categories

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Emergency Procedures

- Preparation requires staff/programs to:
  - Develop written policies/procedures
  - Train staff

- Practice-Practice-Practice
  - With staff & children
  - Without staff & children

- Notification/Reunification
Courses from FEMA

- IS-36 Multihazard Planning for Childcare
- IS-100.SCa Intro to ICS for Schools
- IS- 230.b Fundamentals of Emergency Management
- IS-366 Planning for Needs of Children in Disasters

http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp
Courses from FEMA

- IS-700.a National Incident Management System
- IS-909 Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone

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Next Steps

- Distribution of Guide
  - www.childcarefinder.in.gov
  - www.in.gov/dhs

- Training Program for Bureau of Child Care Staff & Consultants

- On-line training program for providers