



HEAD START EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SURVEY

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DIRECTIONS

Please complete the following questions to the best of your ability. The Office of Head Start is interested in learning about your program's emergency preparedness policies and plans for large-scale emergencies. If there is a question that you can not answer, please consult with others in your program to obtain the answer. The information you provide will be very helpful for the Office of Head Start, and we thank you for your participation.

For the purposes of this study, a large-scale emergency refers to circumstances of hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma; the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; or other incidents where assistance may be warranted under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

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Section A: Presence of a large-scale emergency plan and emergencies included

1. Has your program developed emergency preparedness and response policies and procedures for large-scale emergencies?

Yes
No

1A. Which of the large-scale emergencies below are currently included within your program's emergency preparedness and response plan's policies and procedures?

Check all that apply.
Wildfire
Flood
Chemical/industrial accident (beyond the facility)
Severe weather event (for example, tornado, hurricane, ice storm, extreme heat)
Earthquake
Tsunami (tidal wave)
Civil disorder/rioting
Terrorist attack (such as nuclear/biological/chemical)
Pandemic influenza or other outbreak of infectious disease
Widespread loss of electrical power
Breakdown of electronic communications (such as widespread failure of phone networks)
Other:
□ None of the above

- 1B. How often is your large-scale emergency preparedness and response plan updated?
 -] Monthly
 - Four times a year
 - Twice a year
 - Once a year
 - We have **not** updated our large-scale emergency preparedness and response plan
- 2. Which of the large-scale emergencies below has your program been affected by from January 1, 2000, to the present? *Check the number of occurrences that apply.*

Category	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six or more
Wildfire Flood Chemical/industrial accident (beyond the facility) Tornado Hurricane Ice storm Extreme heat Earthquake							
Tsunami (tidal wave) Civil disorder/rioting							
Terrorist attack (for example, a nuclear, biological, or chemical attack, or the attacks of September 11, 2001)							
Outbreak of infectious disease in the community Widespread loss of electrical power Breakdown of electronic communications (such as widespread failure of phone networks) Other:							

3. Which of the large-scale emergencies below are required by your State or local statutes, regulations, or policies to be in your written emergency preparedness and response plans?

Check all that are required by your State or local statutes.

A written plan is **not** required by our **State** statutes, regulations, or policies

A written plan is **not** required by our **local** statutes, regulations, or policies

We don't know whether a written plan is required by our State or local statutes, regulations, or policies

- Wildfire
- Flood

Chemical/industrial accident (beyond the facility)

Severe weather event (for example, tornado, hurricane, ice storm, extreme heat)

Earthquake

Tsunami (tidal wave)

Civil disorder/rioting

Terrorist attack (such as nuclear/biological/chemical)

- Pandemic influenza or other outbreak of infectious disease
- Widespread loss of electrical power
- Breakdown of electronic communications (such as widespread failure of phone networks)
- Other:
- 3A. If your State or local statutes, regulations, or policies do not require your program to have a written emergency preparedness and response plan for large-scale emergencies (for example, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, industrial accidents, terrorist attacks, etc.), what are the reasons for which you developed your own policies and procedures?

Check all that apply.

- Our program experienced a large-scale emergency
- Our community experienced a large-scale emergency
- Our community is making an effort to plan for a large-scale emergency
- Other programs experienced a large-scale emergency
- Our program wanted to be prepared
- There is a grant opportunity that we pursued for emergency preparedness
- Develop or maintain a collaborative relationship with other programs/agencies

Other:

We have **not** developed a plan.

Section B: Drills of your emergency preparedness plan, policies, and procedures

4.	. Do your program policies and procedures designate the position of the person (example: director, lead teacher,
	program supervisor, etc.) who is responsible for each part of the emergency preparedness and response plan for large-
	scale emergencies?

Yes
No

We have **no** emergency preparedness policies and procedures for large-scale emergencies

5. Do your program's emergency preparedness and response policies and procedures require that you conduct drills?

_ Yes ∃ No

- We have **no** emergency preparedness policies and procedures for large-scale emergencies
- 5A. What do your large-scale emergency preparedness drills focus on?
 - Check all that apply.
 - Drills for a specific large-scale emergency
 - Evacuation
 - "Shelter-in-place"
 - Damage assessment
 - Risk assessment
 - Communication with emergency personnel
 - Other:
- 6. Which of the following methods does your program use to test procedures to be used in the event of a large-scale emergency?

Check all that apply.

- "Tabletop" exercises (staff discussion of specific assigned roles, responsibilities, and actions in the event of an emergency)
- Simulated events (fire drills, evacuation drills, shelter-in-place)
- "" "After-action review" (review of the effectiveness of communication procedures that were used during an actual event)
- Other:
- Currently we do not test procedures to be used for large-scale emergencies
- 7. Do your emergency preparedness and response drills for large-scale emergencies include simulated and/or actual communication and coordination with emergency management agencies?

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Category	Simulated	Actual Communication	Actual Coordination
Federal emergency management agencies			
State emergency management agencies			
Local emergency management agencies			
Non-governmental emergency management organization			
Other:			

Our emergency preparedness and response drills for large-scale emergencies do **not** include simulated and/or actual communication and coordination with emergency management agencies

8. Do your emergency preparedness and response drills for large-scale emergencies include simulated and/or actual communication and coordination with relief agencies and other response and recovery resources after the immediate impact of the emergency has passed?

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Check all that apply.			
Category	Simulated	Actual Communication	Actual Coordination
Medical organizations or agencies			
Mental health providers/organizations/agencies, crisis counselors			
Red Cross			
Insurance consultants			
Other:			

Our emergency preparedness and response drills for large-scale emergencies do **not** include simulated and/or actual communication and coordination with relief agencies and other response and recovery resources after the immediate impact of the emergency has passed.

Section C: Communication of your emergency preparedness plan, policies, and procedures for staff, parents, and others

9. Who receives copies of your emergency preparedness and response plan?

Check all that apply.

- Staff
- Volunteers
- Parents
- Community Partners
- Other:

We do **not** provide copies of our emergency preparedness and response plan to staff, parents, or others.

9A. How often is your emergency preparedness and response plan provided to others?

Category	During orientation/ training	At initial involvement with program	At the beginning of the program year	Twice a year	Monthly	Other
Staff Volunteers Parents Community Partners Other :						

10. What accommodations for communicating emergency procedures have you made?

Check all that apply.

Posted emergency information in English and in other languages representative of the languages spoken by staff, parents, and volunteers

Pictograms (such as pictures or diagrams of evacuation routes, locations of essential equipment or supplies)

Audible pre-recorded instructions (for vision-impaired staff or volunteers)

] Tactile guides for evacuation routes for the visually impaired

Other:

We have **not** made accommodations for communicating emergency procedures.

11. What are your program's policies and procedures for how to communicate with parents and staff in the event of a large-scale emergency?

Check all that apply.		
Category	Parents	Staff
Telephone (including cell phone text messaging)		
TTY (text telephone devices for the hearing impaired)		
Email		
Emergency contacts pre-designated and authorized by the parent/guardian or staff person to receive information regarding the child or staff person on his/her behalf		
Pre-designated local radio and television stations		
Specific procedures for communicating with parents of limited English proficiency		
Specific procedures for communicating with homeless families		
Other:		
We do not have policies and procedures for how to communicate with parents and staff in th large-scale emergency.	e event of a	а

12. How do you keep contact information for parents, staff, and volunteers?

Check all that apply.

	Category	Hard copy in office	Hard copy kept off-site	Electronic	Electronic back off-site	up Info	rmation not kept	
	Parents Staff Volunteers							
13. How	often do you update y	our contact informa	tion for:					
	Category	training/ enteri	nen At the ng the beginning of gram the year	Twice a year	Monthly	Other	No updates are made	
	Parents Staff Volunteers							
14. Wha	t information are paren	ts and staff informe	ed of in advance?					
	Category					Parents	Staff	
Category Parents Start The types of emergencies that they will be contacted about								

Section D: Financial support of your emergency preparedness plan

15. Does your program budget include Federal and/or non-Federal-share resources dedicated to emergency preparedness?

 Check all that apply.

 Category
 Costs of training
 Supplies
 Equipment
 Facilities
 No such resources are included in the budget

 Federal
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16. Are costs/expenses associated with your program's emergency preparedness planning represented as a line item(s) in your program's budget?

Yes
No

17. Are any emergency preparedness services, equipment, supplies, facilities, or financial resources donated or contributed to your program?

Check all that apply.

- Services (ex. training of Head Start staff and volunteers, broadcast of emergency messages)
- Atterials (ex. emergency supplies such as bottled water, long shelf-life foods, equipment such as walkietalkies, weather radios)

- Financial resources (ex. grants)
- Other:

Our program has **not** received any donations or contributions related to emergency preparedness services, equipment, supplies, facilities, or financial resources

18. How many days of pre-positioned emergency supplies do you have to provide for staff and children, if necessary? Check one response for each row.

Category	None	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days	More than 5 days
Water Food							
Medications Batteries for flashlights and radios							
Personal care/toiletry items Other:							

18A. If you have indicated "None" for water, food, medications, batteries for flashlights and radios, and/or personal care/toiletry items, how was this decision made?

Check all that apply.

	Category	Water	Food	Medications	Batteries for flashlights and radios	Personal care/toiletry items
	Not enough money to provide supplies Not enough space to store supplies Not enough staff time to manage the inventory and track expiration dates					
	Not identified as likely that the facility would be isolated for more than a day Not a priority Other:					
19. Whe	ere are these pre-positioned emergency sur	oplies stored?				
	Check all that apply.					
	Category		On-site	Off-site	Other 1	Other 2
	Water					
	Food			H		
	Medications Batteries for flashlights and radios		H			
	Personal care/toiletry items		H			
	Other:			ā		

Section E: Connecting your program with State and local (jurisdictions) evacuation and emergency protocols

20. Which of the following methods does your program use to keep itself up-to-date on State and local (jurisdictions) evacuation and emergency protocols?

	Check all that apply.						
	Mailings						
	Email Email						
	Listserv (through local/State au	uthorities)				
	Direct communication from rep	resentati	ves of loc	al and State	emergency preparednes	ss and res	ponse
	agencies or workgroups						
	Program staff participation on I	ocal or S	tate eme	rgency prepai	redness and response a	agencies o	r workgroups
	Other:						
	Our program uses no method	to keep it	self up-to	-date on Stat	e and local evacuation a	and emerç	gency protocols
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	s the program have policies and p	rocedure	s for staff	training on S	tate and local (jurisdiction	ons) evacı	uation and
eme	ergency protocols?						
	Category	Yes	No				
	State protocols						
	Local (jurisdictions) protocols						
22. Hov	v often does your program provide	staff train	ning on Si	tate and local	(jurisdictions) evacuation	on and em	ergency
prot	ocols?		-				
	Check all that apply.						
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	Category	Once a year	Twice a year	Four times a year	made to evacuation and	Other	No training provided
		year	year	year	emergency protocols		
	Staff training – State protocols						
	Staff training – Local						
	(jurisdictions) protocols						
22	A. Who conducts staff training on S	State and	l local (jur	isdictions) ev	acuation and emergend	y protocol	s?
	Check all that apply.						
							Local

Category	State protocols	Local (jurisdictions) protocols
Program Staff Outside consultants (paid by Program funds) Outside consultants (unpaid local, State, or Federal partners) Other:		

22B. Which staff participates in the training on State and local (jurisdictions) evacuation and emergency protocols? *Check all that apply.*

Category	Teachers	Teacher aids	Support staff	Transportation personnel	Volunteers	Other
Staff training – State protocols						
Staff training – Local (jurisdictions) protocols						

23. Which of the following methods are used to test the procedures for carrying out State and local (jurisdictions) evacuation and emergency protocols?

Check all that apply.

Category	State	Local (jurisdictions)	Don't know		
Tabletop exercises (staff discussion of specific assigned roles, responsibilities, and actions in the event of an emergency)					
Simulated events (fire drills, evacuation drills, shelter in place)					
After-action review of the effectiveness of procedures for carrying out State and local evacuation and emergency protocols that were used during an actual event					
Other:					
 There are no State or local (jurisdictions) evacuation and emergency protocols Our program does not test procedures for carrying out State and local evacuation and emergency protocols 					

Section F: Coordination with emergency management agencies and organizations for large-scale emergencies

24. Which emergency management agencies/organizations does your program have policies and procedures for communicating and coordinating with in the event of a large-scale emergency?

Check all that apply.		
Category	Communicating	Coordinating
Federal emergency management agencies		
State emergency management agencies		
Local emergency management agencies		
Non-governmental emergency management organizations		
Other:		

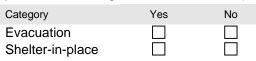
Our program does **not** have policies or procedures for communicating and coordinating with emergency management agencies/organizations in the event of a large-scale emergency

25. Were your program's policies and procedures for communicating and coordinating with emergency management agencies developed for your program or a larger system?

agencies developed for your program or a larger system?
Check all that apply.
For your Head Start program specifically
For a larger system of which the program is a part (ex. school system)
☐ Other:
 Our program does not have policies or procedures developed for our program or a larger system for communicating and coordinating with emergency management agencies/organizations in the event of a large-scale emergency
25A. Which of the agencies/organizations below were directly involved in developing your policies and procedures for communicating and coordinating between your program and the emergency management agencies?
Check all that apply.
Federal emergency management agencies
State emergency management agencies
Local emergency management agencies
Non-governmental emergency management organizations
Other:
Other agencies/organizations were not involved in developing policies or procedures for communicating and
_ coordinating with emergency management agencies/organizations in the event of a large-scale emergency
Don't know
25B. Did your program inform any of the following agencies/organizations about your policies and procedures for communicating and coordinating with them?
Check all that apply.
Federal emergency management agencies
State emergency management agencies
Local emergency management agencies
Non-governmental emergency management organizations
Other:
Don't know
Other emergency management agencies/organizations were not informed about our program's policies or
procedures for communicating and coordinating with them in the event of a large-scale emergency

Section G: Preparing for response and recovery from large-scale emergencies

26. Does your program have policies and procedures for designating and maintaining access to critical records (for example, medication logs, consent forms, etc.) in the event of an emergency requiring evacuation or shelter-in-place?



27. Does your program have policies and procedures for communicating with parents and staff during the response and recovery stages of a large-scale emergency after the immediate impact of the emergency has passed?

Category	Yes	No
Parents		
Staff		

28. In the case of a large-scale emergency, does your program have partnerships or agreements with individuals/practices in the medical community to provide resources for your:

Category	Yes	No
Children		
Parents		
Staff		

29. In your program communication policies and procedures for the response and recovery stages of a large-scale emergency, what contact information for identified individuals representing relief agencies, by name or by title, is included?"

Check all that apply.

Individuals in Federal emergency management agencies

- Individuals in State emergency management agencies
- Individuals in local emergency management agencies
- Individuals from non-governmental emergency management organizations

Other:

Our program does **not** have policies or procedures for the response and recovery stages of a large-scale emergency that include contact information for identified individuals representing relief agencies

- 30. Which of the following are included in your program's emergency preparedness and response policies and procedures for Continuity of Operations planning (planning for the continuing delivery of program services once the immediate impact of the large-scale emergency has passed)?
 - Back-up systems for computer files on-site
 - Back-up systems for computer files off-site
 - Provisions for temporary relocation of program classrooms and other center-based services
 - Identification of key equipment for the safe operation of the facility
 - A list of vendors who can provide critical repair or replacement when needed
 - Transportation
 - Other:

Our program does not have policies or procedures for Continuity of Operations planning

31. Do your program's emergency preparedness and response policies and procedures include preparation through identification of resources and training in:

Check all that apply.

Category	Identification of resources	Training
How to conduct a facility damage assessment		
Documentation of facility damage assessment		
Identification of resource needs to resume program operation		
Prioritization of resource needs to resume program operation		
Notification of financial entities (insurance carriers, funding agencies, FE	EMA)	
Other:		
\Box Our program's emergency preparedness and response policies and	procedures de net inclu	ido proparatio

Our program's emergency preparedness and response policies and procedures do **not** include preparation through identification of resources and training as above

32. Do your program's emergency preparedness and response policies and procedures include training of staff in the:

Category	Children	Families	Staff
Effects of traumatic events such as large-scale emergencie	es upon:		
Provision of mental health support during response and rea	covery		
for:			

Our program's emergency preparedness and response policies and procedures do **not** include such training of staff as above

Section H: Emergency preparedness and response planning for localized emergencies

33. Which of the localized emergencies below are currently included within your program's emergency preparedness and response plan's policies and procedures?

Check all that apply.

Hostage situation in the center

Abduction/attempted abduction

Violence in the center

On-site fire

Infrastructure failure (e.g., roof collapse, major plumbing/flood)

Other:

Our program does **not** have an emergency preparedness and response plan for localized emergencies

33A. How often is your localized emergency preparedness and response plan updated?

	Monthl	y
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] Four times a year

Twice a year

Once a year

Other:

Our program's localized emergency preparedness and response plan has not been updated

34. Which of the localized emergencies below has your program been affected by from January 1, 2000, to the present? If affected by more than once, please indicate by entering number of times this has occurred.

Check all that apply.

Hostage situation in the center _____

Abduction/attempted abduction _____

Violence in the center

On-site fire

Infrastructure failure (e.g., roof collapse, major plumbing/flood) _____

Other:

Our program has **not** been affected by a localized emergency from January 1, 2000, to the present

35. Do your program's localized emergency preparedness and response policies and procedures require that you conduct drills?

Yes
No

35A. What do your localized emergency preparedness drills focus on?

Check all that apply.

Drills for a specific localized emergency

Evacuation

"Shelter-in-place"

Damage assessment

Risk assessment
Communication with emergency personnel

Other:

36. Which of the following methods does your program use to test procedures to be used in the event of a localized emergency?

Check all that apply.

- Tabletop" exercises (staff discussion of specific assigned roles, responsibilities, and actions in the event of an emergency)
- Simulated events (fire drills, evacuation drills, shelter-in-place)
 - "After-action review" (review of the effectiveness of procedures that were used during an actual event) Other:
- **No** methods are used to test the procedures
- 37. What are your program's policies and procedures for how to communicate with parents and staff in the event of a localized emergency?

Check all that apply.

Category		Parents	Staff
Telephone (including cell phone text messaging)			
TTY (text telephone devices for the hearing impaired)			
Email			
Emergency contacts pre-designated and authorized by the parent/gua receive information regarding the child or staff person on his/her be		D	
Pre-designated local radio and television stations			
Specific procedures for communicating with parents of limited English	n proficiency		
Specific procedures for communicating with homeless families			
Other:			
Our program has no policies and procedures for how to communic	cate with parents and staf	f in the eve	ent of a

localized emergency.

- 38. Have your program conducted an assessment of potential risks to your facility associated with an emergency, such as:
 - Structural integrity of your building
 - Susceptibility of your facility to loss of electrical power
 - Susceptibility of your facility to loss of water or sanitation
 - Susceptibility of your facility to loss of ability to communicate to the outside
 - Susceptibility of your facility to loss of access to and from the outside
 - Nearby facilities or installations that pose a potential risk (such as dams, nuclear power plants, chemical plants, etc.)
 - Proximity to tree line in the event of wildfire
 - Location on a slope in the event of mud-slide or avalanche
 - Security of center
 - Other:

Our program has **not** conducted an assessment of potential facility risks associated with an emergency.

39. Does your program have individuals on staff or in a consulting capacity who are trained to deal with the emotional response to trauma for:

