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Commissioner Bruce Lockwood to moderate issue forum at the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) 2009 Annual Conference and Expo

Commissioner Bruce Lockwood, CEM, a member of the National Commission on Children and Disasters will moderate an issue forum titled *"Focus on Children and Disasters: How Emergency Managers Can Better Meet Their Needs."*

During this event, IAEM members will learn about the work of the Commission and have an opportunity to voice their perspectives on issues local emergency managers face when meeting the unique needs of children in disasters. The Commission is seeking substantive feedback on recommendations included in the October 2009 [Interim Report](#) to President Obama and Congress. IAEM members can provide practical information on lessons learned, best practices and emerging issues.

Commissioner Lockwood's presentation will address areas in which emergency managers can focus to better meet the unique needs of children before, during and after any disaster. The Commission is an independent bi-partisan body created by Congress to make recommendations to President Obama and Congress on how to improve services for children in any disaster. Following an introduction about the Commission, and a presentation of findings and recommendations included in the October 2009 Interim Report, the issue forum will open up for questions, comments, and a dialogue with attendees.

Who: National Commission on Children and Disasters
What: Issue Forum: Focus on Children and Disasters: How Emergency Managers Can Better Meet Their Needs
**When: Sunday November 1, 2009
1:00 – 2:30p.m.**
**Where: IAEM 2009 Annual Conference and Expo
Orange County Convention Center
Room W304A&B
Orlando, FL**

This event is open to the media. For more details or to schedule an interview contact Vinnie Mascarenhas at 202-401-9392 or vinicia.mascarenhas@acf.hhs.gov.

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