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**Media Alert: National Commission on Children and Disasters Public Meeting**

The National Commission on Children and Disasters is holding a public meeting to discuss: (1) The Department of Health and Human Services' efforts to support the needs of children in disaster situations; (2) the Federal Emergency Management Agency's efforts to support the needs of children in disaster situations; and (3) plans for future work of the Commission.

**Media Registration:** The event is open to media. To attend either in person or via teleconference, please register by contacting [Vinicia.Mascarenhas@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:Vinicia.Mascarenhas@acf.hhs.gov) or (202) 401-9392.

**Who:** National Commission on Children and Disasters

**What:** Public Meeting

**When:** Tuesday November 10, 2009  
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Administration for Children and Families  
901 D Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

**Background:** The National Commission on Children and Disasters is an independent Commission that shall conduct a comprehensive study to examine and assess the needs of children as they relate to preparation for, response to, and recovery from all hazards. The Commission seeks to build upon the evaluations of other entities and avoid unnecessary duplication by reviewing the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of those entities. The Commission shall then submit a report to the President and the Congress on the Commission's independent and specific findings, conclusions, and recommendations to address the needs of children as they relate to preparation for, response to, and recovery from all hazards, including major disasters and emergencies.

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