



## NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND DISASTERS

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### **Public Meeting of the National Commission on Children and Disasters**

The National Commission on Children and Disasters will hold its second public meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2008, from 10:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday, November 21, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Administration for Children and Families, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447.

On November 20, the Commission will hear panel presentations from governmental officials and non-governmental organizations to assess whether programs designed around policy areas such as medical countermeasures, disaster case management, shelter design and transition to permanent housing, and acute medical care, are being developed with the unique needs of children in mind. The Medical Countermeasures session is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended.

The Commission has designated November 21 as a public work session, to reflect on the discussions from the previous day, organize into subcommittees to prioritize and focus its research, and discuss other matters of interest.

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. To attend, please register by 5:00 p.m. EST, November 19, 2008. To register, please e-mail [carol.apelt@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:carol.apelt@acf.hhs.gov) with "Meeting Registration" in the subject line, or call Carol Apelt at (202) 205-4618. Registration must include your name, affiliation, and phone number.

The National Commission on Children and Disasters (NCCD) was created by an act of Congress to independently 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 and disasters. The 10 member, bi-partisan NCCD is chaired by Mark K. Shriver, Vice President and Managing Director, US Programs at Save the Children. The NCCD will submit preliminary and final reports to the President-elect Obama and Congress on the Commission's independent and specific findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

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