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Media Alert: Commission Shares Recommendations with the National Homeland Security Consortium

National Commission on Children and Disasters member Gregg Lord will address the National Homeland Security Consortium Meeting in Washington, DC July 8, 2009 from 8:30 – 9:00AM. Mr. Lord will give an overview of key recommendations that will be provided to President Obama and Congress in an October 2009 interim report.

The recommendations address gaps in the areas of school and child care facility emergency planning, mental health services, sheltering, long-term housing, availability and stockpile of pediatric medical countermeasures, and lessons learned from the H1N1 flu outbreak. Mr. Lord presently serves as Associate Director of the National EMS Preparedness Initiative at the George Washington University's Homeland Security Policy Institute and Senior Policy Advisor on emergency response and homeland security issues.

The National Homeland Security Consortium is a group of state and local organizations, elected officials, and members of the private sector with roles and responsibilities for homeland security prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. This group is convened by the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA). The Consortium is recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and works in partnership with other federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Who: National Commission on Children and Disasters
What: Presentation to the National Homeland Security Consortium Meeting
When: Wednesday, July 8, 2009
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Where: Washington, DC

This meeting is closed to the media. To schedule an interview or for more information contact Vinicia Mascarenhas, Vinicia.Mascarenhas@acf.hhs.gov or 202-401-9392.

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