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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 findings and recommendations on how federal, state and local governments can meet the unique needs of children affected by disasters. The public meeting will feature testimony by W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well as the results of a Disasters Roundtable from the previous day, “Children and Youth in Disasters: Closing Gaps among Research, Practice, and Policy,” held in partnership with the National Academy of Sciences.

Who: National Commission on Children and Disasters

What: Public Meeting

**When: Friday, June 26, 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**

Media Registration: To attend either in person or via teleconference, please register by contacting Vinicia.Mascarenhas@acf.hhs.gov or call (202) 401-9392.

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. An interim report is due in October 2009 and a final report due in October 2010.

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