

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 third public meeting on Friday February 27, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington DC 20201.

The Commission will hear subcommittee presentations on and discuss recommendations regarding; (1) Acute medical care and countermeasures; (2) Disaster case management and recovery; (3) Shelter design and operations; and other matters as may reasonably come before the Commission, including plans for future work of the Commission.

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. To attend, either in person or via teleconference please register by 5:00 p.m. EST, February 24, 2009. To register, please email carol.apelt@acf.hhs.gov with "Meeting Registration" in the subject line, or call (202) 205-4618. Registration must include your name, affiliation, and phone number. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special assistance, please call Carol Apelt at (202) 205-4618 as soon as possible and no later than 5:00 p.m. EST, February 13, 2009.

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.