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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 on Tuesday, February 2, 2010.

The meeting will feature RADM Nicole Lurie, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. RADM Lurie will discuss her efforts to address findings and recommendations from the Interim Report of the Commission.

The meeting will also feature findings and recommendations from a Long-Term Disaster Recovery workshop, conducted by the Commission. The workshop was attended by 150 people from within and outside the federal government and focused on three important issue areas: 1) children's access to medical care, 2) the provision of mental health services to children, and 3) barriers to information and data sharing between federal, state and non-governmental partners.

To view the public meeting agenda click [here](#).

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

**What: Public Meeting**

**When: Tuesday, February 2, 2010  
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](mailto:vinicia.mascarenhas@acf.hhs.gov) or call (202) 509-0395.

**Background:** The National Commission on Children and Disasters is an independent, Bi-partisan Commission that is conducting a comprehensive study to examine and assess the needs of children as they relate to the preparation for, response to, and recovery from all hazards. The Commission submitted an Interim Report to the President and the Congress in October 2009. The next Commission report is due to the President and Congress in October 2010.

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