



CHILD CARE

Child Care Tip Sheet # 1

IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF KATRINA RECOVERY EFFORTS

TO: Recovery Workers/Volunteers
RE: Child Care Needs of Displaced Families

Are you in *direct contact* with displaced families, providing services or counseling? As you talk with displaced families, remember that child care will be important for them **now or in months to come**, as they begin to re-establish their lives. Use the following list of **child care resources** to help meet the needs of:

- **parents** as they search for jobs and housing, return to work, and attend to emotional health
- **displaced child care providers** as they seek employment or rebuild their business
- **children** for a secure, stable, supervised setting to support their growth and development.

CHILD CARE RESOURCES for DISPLACED FAMILIES

For Parents

- **Child Care Aware** - Refers families to local **Resource & Referral (R&R)** agencies for help finding child care in their area and information on financial assistance to pay for child care. (800) 424-2246, <http://www.childcareaware.org/>
- **Head Start/Early Head Start** Programs - for low-income families with children up to five years of age. (866) 763-6481, http://www.headstartinfo.org/hurricane_rir.htm
- **Operation Hurricane Katrina Relief** - Department of Defense (DoD) and the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA). All **military** families displaced by Hurricane Katrina are eligible to receive a financial subsidy in licensed child care during this time. (800) 424-2246, <http://www.naccrra.org/MilitaryPrograms>

For Displaced Child Care Providers

- **Child Care Aware** – Use zip code to locate **Resource & Referral (R&R)** agency in new area to call to report/update operation status. (800) 424-2246, <http://www.childcareaware.org/>
- **State Child Care Licensing Office** – Telephone numbers available at <http://NCCIC.acf.hhs.gov/statedata/dirs/regoffic.html>
- **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Affiliates** – Professional development and networking opportunities for early childhood professionals <http://www.naeyc.org/affiliates/sites.asp>, <http://www.naeyc.org/affiliates/complete.asp>
- **National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC)** – Articles and links on:
 - Starting a Family Child Care Program <http://nccic.org/poptopics/starfund.html>;
 - Starting a Child Care Center <http://nccic.org/poptopics/starting.html>

For Helping Young Children

- **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)** - Helping Young Children After a Disaster <http://www.naeyc.org/families/disaster.asp>
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** - Professional resources for service providers in response to Katrina, including assistance in trauma recovery and crisis counseling http://www.samhsa.gov/Matrix/professional_disaster.aspx
- **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)** – Resources addressing physical and emotional needs of children, including Children's Mental Health Needs During Disasters <http://aap.org>
- **National Association of Social Workers (NASW)** – Methods and techniques parents may use to help their children cope with disaster and a reference guide for post-trauma home and school care <http://www.naswdc.org/pressroom/events/katrina05/default.asp>
- **National Mental Health Association (NMHA)** – Helping children cope with disaster <http://nmha.org/reassurance/hurricane/children.cfm>

For more information, visit the Child Care Bureau's Web site at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/hurricane/katrina.htm>.