



Disaster Preparedness and Children with Disabilities

You are invited to share the “Be Ready: Tips for Families of Children and Youth with Disabilities and Medical Needs” and Be Ready “Disasters and Families of Children with Disabilities: What Providers and Emergency Managers Need to Know.” Toolkits developed by the Great Lakes Pediatric Consortium for Disaster Response Region V for Kids, an ASPR Pediatric Disaster Center of Excellence.

The Toolkit contains a suite of ADA compliant multi-lingual infographics and videos (6-10 minute) that can be distributed via newsletters or social media in multiple languages including American Sign Language. The infographics are web accessible and downloadable. They are easy to read and can be printed on plain 8X10 paper.



The landing page for all the family preparedness videos & infographics can be found at <https://emscimprovement.center/domains/preparedness/asprcoe/eglpcdr/cyshcn/toolkit/beready/> or by using the QR code on the left. Stakeholders are encouraged to link their website and use all or part of the Be Ready toolkit materials for families or providers as part of your whole community pediatric readiness.

Infographics cover the following key preparedness topics and are available in English, Spanish, French, Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, and Haitian Creole. The series contains eight infographics:

1. **Be Ready Awareness:** Introduces families to the need to be prepared.
2. **Be Ready You Are the Help:** Highlights the caregiver's role in being disaster ready.
3. **Be Ready Do-It-Yourself Home Emergency Kit:** A list of disaster supplies to have on hand.
4. **Be Ready When Disaster Strikes:** How to respond when disaster strikes.
5. **Be Ready Shelter in Place:** The why and how to shelter in place.
6. **Be Ready Stay Informed:** How early alerts and notifications help protect families from harm.
7. **Be Ready Evacuation:** What to do in an evacuation.
8. **Be Ready Provider Teaching Checklist:** Health care provider guidance on how to help families of disabled children become disaster ready



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Suite of Infographics

“Be Ready” Tips for Families of Children with Disabilities and Medical Needs

For Families:

1. All Families Need to be Ready
2. When Disaster Strikes
3. You Are the Help Until Help Arrives
4. Be Informed-Stay Informed (Alerts)
5. DIY Home Emergency Kit Checklist
6. Evacuation
7. Shelter In Space

For Providers:

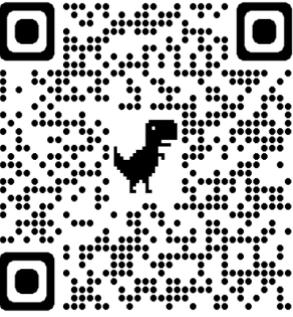
1. Teaching Checklist

Infographic Series	Link
Infographics (Be Ready) English	https://emscimprovement.center/documents/1557/Be_Ready_CYSHCN_corrected_Final_V3_Concise_.pdf
Infographics (Be Ready) Spanish	https://media.emscimprovement.center/documents/Spanish_Full_Series_Be_Ready_CYSHCN_Infographic_Series.pdf
Infographics (Be Ready) Haitian Creole	https://media.emscimprovement.center/documents/Haitian_Creole_Full_Series_Be_Ready_CYSHCN_Infographic_Series.pdf
Infographics (Be Ready) Arabic	https://media.emscimprovement.center/documents/Arabic_Full_Series_Be_Ready_CYSHCN_Infographic_Series.pdf
Infographics (Be Ready) Simple Chinese	https://media.emscimprovement.center/documents/Simple_Chinese_Full_Series_Be_Ready_CYSHCN_Infographic_Series.pdf
Infographics (Be Ready) French	https://media.emscimprovement.center/documents/French_Full_Series_Be_Ready_CYSHCN_Infographic_Series.pdf
Infographics (Be Ready) Tagalog	https://media.emscimprovement.center/documents/Tagalog_Full_Series_Be_Ready_CYSHCN_Infographic_Series.pdf
Infographics (Be Ready) Vietnamese	https://media.emscimprovement.center/documents/Vietnamese_Full_Series_Be_Ready_CYSHCN_Infographic_Series.pdf



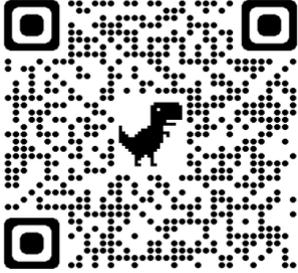
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Be Ready Videos provide a non-threatening introduction to disaster readiness for families with children and youth with disabilities and medical needs. The videos are available as, English voice over, American Sign Language, and subtitled in English Spanish, French, Haitian/Creole, Arabic, Chinese, Tagalog, Korean and Vietnamese.

<p>Be Ready Video with English subtitles</p> <p>https://youtu.be/Z20UApmdLzg</p>		<p><7min</p>	<p>Video instructs families who can read English on the importance of disaster readiness and what they can do to prepare.</p>
<p>Be Ready Video with English subtitles and voice over</p> <p>https://youtu.be/mcPvylXgKu4</p>		<p>< 8min</p>	<p>Video instructs families who may be visually impaired on the importance of disaster readiness and what they can do to prepare.</p>
<p>Be Ready Video with English subtitles and American Sign Language (ASL)</p> <p>https://youtu.be/fdSqgWW8x-l</p>		<p><10min</p>	<p>Video instructs families who understand ASL on the importance of disaster readiness and what they can do to prepare. Longer length due to ASL translation</p>



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<p>Be Ready Video with Spanish subtitles</p>		<p><7min</p>	<p>Video instructs families who can read Spanish on the importance of disaster readiness and what they can do to prepare.</p>
<p>Be Ready Video with Haitian Creole subtitles</p> <p>https://youtu.be/T5blzB-tKWQ</p>		<p><7min</p>	<p>Video instructs families can read Haitian Creole on the importance of disaster readiness and what they can do to prepare.</p>
<p>Be Ready Video with Arabic subtitles</p> <p>https://youtu.be/hlzdnTxYNYQ</p>		<p><7min</p>	<p>Video instructs families who can read Arabic on the importance of disaster readiness and what they can do to prepare.</p>
<p>Be Ready Video with simple Chinese subtitles</p> <p>https://youtu.be/tKJQljLy8TY</p>		<p><7min</p>	<p>Video instructs families who can read simple Chinese on the importance of disaster readiness and what they can do to prepare.</p>



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<p>Be Ready Video with Traditional Chinese subtitles</p> <p>https://youtu.be/rxbkcNt0y54</p>		<p><7min</p>	<p>Video instructs families who can read traditional Chinese on the importance of disaster readiness and what they can do to prepare.</p>
<p>Be Ready Video with French subtitles</p> <p>https://youtu.be/2hx75FHg9BU</p>		<p><7min</p>	<p>Video instructs families who can read French on the importance of disaster readiness and what they can do to prepare.</p>
<p>Be Ready Video with Tagalog subtitles</p> <p>https://youtu.be/p8hwNhxtf64</p>		<p><7min</p>	<p>Video instructs families can read Tagalog on the importance of disaster readiness and what they can do to prepare.</p>
<p>Be Ready Videos with Korean subtitles</p> <p>https://youtu.be/K1ufwQ6DrOs</p>		<p><7min</p>	<p>Video instructs families who can read Korean on the importance of disaster readiness and what they can do to prepare.</p>



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<p>Be Ready Video with Vietnamese subtitles</p> <p>https://youtu.be/HW0T1IDUDHU</p>		<p><7min</p>	<p>Video instructs families who can read Vietnamese on the importance of disaster readiness and what they can do to prepare.</p>
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Disaster and Families of Children with Disabilities: What Every Health Care Provider Needs to Know



Be Ready “Disasters and Families of Children with Disabilities: What Providers and Emergency Managers Need to Know.” Toolkit:

This short video, infographic and checklist provides awareness level training for all health care providers who work with children with complex medical needs and their families including hospital and community emergency managers. The toolkit contains:

1. A 4-minute English-captioned video to provide training.
2. One-page infographic summarizing what providers need to know.
3. A teaching checklist for discharge planning or during routine primary care or specialty care visits in hospital or ambulatory care settings.



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Infographic/Video Link	QR code
<p data-bbox="203 474 773 506">EICC landing page for Provider Materials</p> <p data-bbox="203 548 854 653">https://emscimprovement.center/domains/preparedness/asprcoe/eglpcdr/cyshcn/toolkit/need_to_know/</p>	
<p data-bbox="203 789 1406 930">These resources were made possible by Award Number (U3REP190615-01-01) from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of ASPR or the Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p data-bbox="203 972 1179 1003">For more information or questions regarding these resources contact</p> <p data-bbox="203 1045 1000 1224">Patricia Frost RN, MS, PHN, PNP Education Co-lead Region V for Kids Disaster Education Advisor Pediatric Pandemic Network Vice Chair National Pediatric Disaster Coalition Nationalpedicoalition@gmail.com</p> <p data-bbox="203 1297 1390 1402">Families depend on you to provide them with the information they need to keep their children with disabilities and complex medical needs safe. These resources will help you do that.</p>	



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Tips for Providers of Children and Youth with Disabilities and Medical Needs

TEACHING CHECKLIST

- Have preparedness information available to hand out in the language needed by the family.
- Ask the question:
 - Do they know about the common hazards that can occur in the community?
 - Fire, flood, severe weather, earthquake?
 - Power, water, and transportation disruption?
 - Have they started thinking ahead about what they would do?
- Help the family assess their own risk & readiness.
 - Introduce disaster readiness as part of routine well-child care, adding a new medication or durable medical device (DME).
 - How would they manage disruptions in power, water, food & critical medical supplies?
 - What are the child's medical support needs?
 - Is the child critically dependent on oxygen or power?
 - Encourage families to contact local Fire/EMS services about their child.
- Are caretakers capable of responding to a critical failure of equipment?
 - What direction can you give them?
- Provide information and contact numbers of local and state disability groups.
 - Local EMS Agencies
 - Accessible transportation agencies
 - Fire Departments
 - Community Office of Emergency Services
- Work with the child's specialists to authorize extra supplies of formula, nutritional supplements, medications, and instructions on what to do if equipment fails.
- Provide enrollment information on local or regional disability disaster alert registries.

For More Information Scan QR code or visit:



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Disaster and Families of Children with Disabilities and Medical Needs What Health Care Providers and Emergency Managers Need to Know



The CDC estimates that 1 in 5 children in the US has a special health care need.

Families of disabled children need "facilitated" pre-event disaster risk reduction planning to be "disaster ready".

Children with disabilities and medical needs rely on their parents, caretakers, and school personnel to plan and assure their safety if a disaster occurs while at school.



Make sure parents of disabled children know how the school will notify them in a disaster. These methods can include emergency notifications to parents and caregivers via phone, text, and/or social media. Encourage schools to practice both notification and evacuation procedures inclusive of children with disabilities and special health care needs as part of disaster drills.

Families vary in their understanding of what they need to prepare for in a disaster as does their ability to cope with disaster preparedness information.

Disaster preparedness including equipment troubleshooting should be a regular part of discharge planning of every medically complex child. It should be reviewed at the first follow-up visit after discharge and periodically as the child's medical needs change.



Families of children with disabilities and medical needs who live in disaster-prone areas are known to struggle after a disaster.

These families have higher rates of adverse consequences when disaster strikes including life threats, food insecurity, poverty, disrupted access to health care, medication, medical supplies, and homelessness.



Parents of children with disabilities and medical needs report that they can be easily overwhelmed.

Disaster readiness information is best shared in person and using a variety of methods including 1:1 instruction, online forums, videos, brochures, and applications. Educational material should be provided in the language the family understands and be American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.



Primary Care Providers play a critical role in educating families of children on what to do in a disaster.

When disaster preparedness is included as part of routine anticipatory guidance, families are more likely to engage in home preparedness activities.



Work with the child's complex care specialists to authorize extra supplies of formula, nutritional supplements, medications, and instructions on what to do if equipment fails. It is the responsibility of the provider to include this information.

Families may not know what will happen if their child is at school during a disaster.

Parents and school leaders should discuss emergency and disaster procedures as part of the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP). Parents should know how to communicate with the school and what to do to reunify with their child during a disaster.



When available provide enrollment information on local or regional disability alert registries

Disability alert registries play an important role in early warning allowing families more time to move out of harm's way.

Medically complex children who depend on technology to survive are prone to equipment failures during a disaster.



Families with children who have disabilities are more likely to seek shelter, power, water, equipment, supplies, and assistance from EMS and the nearest hospital if they do not have a family disaster plan. It is recommended that these families create a support network of at least 5 people who are willing to check on them and help them in a disaster.

Families of children with disabilities and medical needs report that they need help connecting to local resources for sheltering in place and evacuation.

Disaster risk reduction relies on the primary and specialty care health providers being willing to communicate to the family the importance of being informed, making a plan, and building a kit. Providing a list of local resources can assist families with their emergency plan.



Scan the QR code for More Disaster Information