

Message from the Early Learning Coalition

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Dear Early Education Community:

The Early Learning Coalition is working closely with the Department of Children and Families to identify which provider locations are open and available to serve children and families.

The Department of Children and Families licensing staff are making calls to providers to assess their ability to reopen.

The Early Learning Coalition is providing a listing of programs that are open on its [website](#). In order to make sure that your program is listed and parents are able to identify that a provider is open, we are asking those providers whose programs are available to serve children, to send your information to info@elcmdm.org

Please include:

- Program name and address
- The date that program will open

We are frequently updating the list on our website and will include your information once it is received.



Family in a shelter after hurricane...

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Dear CCR&R coordinator,

While Hurricane Irma has left our state, the storm left many families you serve feeling anxious, worried, dealing with loss, and more. You may be dealing with some of this yourself. Here are some resources you can share with your families and others who may turn to you.

Resources for Coping with Hurricanes

The [CCR&R Dropbox](#) has resources for emergency preparedness and resources for after the storm.

Coalitions can also find resources in the [Coalitions Zone](#) of OEL's SharePoint. Once in SharePoint, use the following navigation to get to the resources:

- Coalitions Zone >>> CCR&R, VPK & School Readiness >>> Consumer Education and Family Resources >>> Emergency Preparedness for families and providers
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The Office of Early Learning has a special [Hurricane Irma webpage](#) and a [Pinterest board](#) with lots of pins to resources for families and child care providers.

Resources for Families

- Resources and tools on emergency preparedness from [Child Care Aware](#)
- Resources and tools from [Zero to Three on how to help children cope with disasters](#)
- [Staying safe after the storm](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Common [problems children and families may experience in the aftermath of disasters](#) from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- AAP information about [safety when returning to flooded areas](#)
- [Helping children after a natural disaster](#) from Color'in Colorado!

- Resources on [talking to your child about disasters](#) from Healthy Children
- Tips to [help children cope with disasters](#) from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Information on [talking to children about tragedies](#) from NAEYC
- Understanding traumatic stress in children
- Information on [Trauma-Specific Interventions](#) from the Substance Abuse

- and Mental Health Services Administration
- [Talking with children about tragedies in the news](#)

Books, videos and more

- [Resources on hurricanes and storms](#) for young children from [Sesame Street](#)
- [Family Guide: Hurricanes from Sesame Street](#)
- Resources to help families and children cope in an emergency from [PBS Kids](#)
- [Eight books to help children cope](#)
- [Games and activities](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



FEMA also has many resources for families...

- Information about [FEMA child care financial assistance](#)
- [How to help children and families during a disaster](#)
- [The FEMA Mobile App](#)

Thank you for always being there for your families.



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