Children in Disasters – How Can Pediatric Providers Help?

**PREPARE:** your family, your workplace, patients and families with whom you work, especially consider children with special healthcare needs

**ADVOCATE:** locally, nationally, internationally (follow legislation, write articles for consumer newspapers and magazines, be a pediatric resource)

**VOLUNTEER:** for local shelters, your local Medical Reserve Corps, the American Red Cross

Families with special needs children are particularly vulnerable during disaster situations. Be aware of the latest literature to help these families prepare.


The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) created an Emergency Information Form for children with special healthcare needs. The form should be completed by a clinician and updated regularly. Keep the current document on a waterproof thumb drive and also in paper format in a sealed, waterproof bag. Get the form at: [http://www2.aap.org/sections/pem/preparedness/blankform.pdf](http://www2.aap.org/sections/pem/preparedness/blankform.pdf)