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NACCD Pediatric Disaster Training Recommendations

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Recommendation Goals

- Identify strategies to support the overall health and safety needs of children in disasters and to help ensure health and mental health professionals, first responders, education personnel, childcare workers, and the public will respond effectively to their needs.
- Identify key areas that will mitigate suffering and death and improve overall outcomes for children after disasters.

Key Findings

- Education and training needs to integrate physical, environmental, behavioral and social-emotional concerns related to children and youth in all disaster training.
- Education and training should occur at different levels. Self-care training should be provided for responders. Youth perspectives and participation should be included.
- There are five priority subject areas the NACCD identified as being persistent gaps in training.

Persistent Gaps in Training

1. Family reunification and improving family supports
2. Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Enhanced Conventional Weapons (CBRNE) health and mental health response
3. Care of children while in school settings and child care facilities
4. Care of pregnant mothers and neonates
5. Care of children and youth with disabilities or functional and access needs.

Recommendations

- Develop an educational campaign for the public emphasizing basic steps people can take during disasters to help children.
- Require Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grantees to conduct exercises involving the community on family separation and reunification.
- Disseminate education in essential elements of care for pregnant mothers and neonates through a train-the-trainer program initially targeting first responders and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers.

Recommendations (Continued)

- Facilitate and promote readily accessible programs specifically for teachers, counselors, other school personnel, school nurses and other school-based health and mental health professionals addressing how to care for children during and after disasters.
- Facilitate use of short training videos to maximize impact.
- Collaborate with other governmental and nongovernmental agencies to help accomplish these goals.

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