Children

**CDC – Caring for Children in a Disaster**
Children are more vulnerable than adults in emergency situations. This resource page provides webpage links on emergency preparedness and caring for children.

**CDC – Disaster Safety for Expecting and New Parents**
General tips to get prepared before a disaster and what to do in case of a disaster to help keep families safe and healthy.

**HHS – Children and Youth Task Force in Disasters: Guidelines for Development**
This document is designed to introduce Whole Community partners to the Disaster Children and Youth Issues Task Force concept.

**American Academy of Pediatrics – Children and Disasters: Disaster Preparedness to Meet Children’s Needs**
Children have unique physical, mental, behavioral, developmental, communication, therapeutic, and social needs that must be addressed in all aspects of disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. Pediatricians have key roles to play in preparing and treating families in cases of disasters.

**Population-Specific Resources: Children**
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services resource links to guides on emergency preparedness for children, to include:
- Pediatric Preparedness Resource Kit
- Ensuring the Health of Children in Disasters
- Disaster Preparedness in Families with Children with Special Health Care Needs

**FEMA – Sample Childcare Emergency Action Plan**
This document presents a sample child care emergency action plan. It is recommended that child care providers coordinate with local law enforcement, fire and emergency managers when developing their emergency action plan.

**Minnesota Department of Health – Minnesota Pediatric Surge Primer**
This primer is directed at health care facilities that do not usually provide pediatric trauma or inpatient services. Pediatric specialty centers must have a more comprehensive and integrated approach to pediatric disaster response.