



# Press Release

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## **Workshop Helps Organization Leaders to Establish Youth Emergency Preparedness Education Programs**

**Columbus, OH** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) have partnered to host a youth preparedness workshop in Columbus on May 11. The event is free.

The workshop will provide participants with the tools and organizational “know-how” needed to build programs that teach young people about emergency and disaster preparedness, so that they, too, can make the communities they live in more resilient.

### ***Why a youth preparedness program?***

Because leading educators and scholars in the preparedness education field believe that children are the best envoys to bring the message of emergency safety and preparedness home to families.

While children have unique needs during an emergency, they can also play a very important role when it comes to preparedness.

- ***Children are positive influencers.*** Children are the best messengers for home-based preparedness and often can convince their parents to prepare.
- ***Children are leaders.*** Today’s children can become the leaders who will ensure future generations are also prepared.
- ***Children are first-responders.*** Prepared children are more confident during an actual emergency, which can translate to real impact for their own lives, and for their family, friends and neighbors.

### **Workshop Date and Location:**

#### **Youth Preparedness Education Workshop**

Friday, May 11, 2012

The Ohio Rehabilitation Service Commission

400 East Campus View Blvd.

Columbus, OH 43235-4604

This workshop is targeted to program directors (and representatives) from schools, faith organizations, after-school programs, Citizen Corps programs, and non-profit organizations whose goals include serving youths’ needs.

To register for the workshop, click: <http://coursemill.ema.state.oh.us/CourseCalendar/Courses.aspx>  
Scroll (page) down to the May 11<sup>th</sup> Youth Preparedness Education Workshop, and click on Enroll.

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