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Emergency Preparedness

Disasters, natural or otherwise, could strike at any time. Families need to establish clear, concise plans to prepare for such emergencies. These plans should also include what to do in case a disaster strikes while you are at work and your child is in care. When choosing a child care provider, please consider the information below. If you have a provider currently, talk with them about their emergency preparedness plans.

Ask your provider:

- ✓ Do you have an organization chart for emergencies or disasters to identify the person/s in-charge?
- ✓ Do you have roles and responsibilities established?
- ✓ Do you have an evacuation plan?
- ✓ When will you shelter in place vs. evacuate?
- ✓ Where will you go?
- ✓ How will I be notified if you evacuate?
- ✓ Do you have non-perishable food available on-site?
- ✓ Where do you keep extra medications?

Your responsibilities as a parent:

- ✓ Keep your contact numbers updated at all times
- ✓ Maintain a current treatment form
- ✓ Supply extra prescription drugs, if applicable
- ✓ Sign your child in and out everyday
- ✓ Be aware of the provider's emergency plan
- ✓ Know where your child will evacuate to
- ✓ Keep the provider's main number and back up number accessible
- ✓ Remain calm

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