

The National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters

The National Advisory Council on Children and Disasters (NACCD) provides advice and consultation to the HHS Secretary on issues related to the medical and public health needs of children as they relate to disasters.

Members are appointed by the HHS Secretary from among the nation's preeminent scientific, public health, and medical experts in areas consistent with the purpose and functions of the advisory committee, and include representatives of the Secretaries of selected federal agencies as well as private sector experts. To carry out its mission the NACCD:

evaluates and provides input with respect to the medical and public health needs of children as they relate to preparation for, response to, and recovery from all-hazards emergencies;

provides advice and consultation with respect to state emergency preparedness and response activities for children, including related drills and exercises to pertinent preparedness goals;

provides advice and recommendations to the HHS Secretary with respect to children and medical and public health grants and cooperative agreements as applicable to appropriate preparedness and response activities;

Titles of the NACCD reports to date include:

[Healthcare Preparedness for Children in Disasters: A Report of the Healthcare Preparedness Working Group of the National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters](#)

[Surge Capacity Report: Near-Term Strategies to Improve Pediatric Surge Capacity During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#)

For more information, please go to:

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/boards/naccd/Pages/about.aspx>

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