



Youth Preparedness Catalog

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Introduction

Youth preparedness is an essential component of community preparedness. It uses children's unique strengths to help meet their needs during emergencies and disasters. Starting or getting involved with a youth preparedness program is a great way to enhance a community's resilience and help develop future generations of prepared adults. The Youth Preparedness Catalog has been developed to help individuals locate preparedness programs and resources that are tailored to youth.

Purpose of This Catalog

This catalog supports individuals interested in promoting youth preparedness education by connecting them with existing local, state, and national programs. It also directs readers to curricula and resources that can be used to develop or sustain a program.

Using the Catalog

There are two primary reasons someone might use this catalog:

1. To find programs with which to partner or otherwise get involved; and
2. To find curricula and resources for developing and conducting a youth preparedness program or otherwise working with youth.

The information in this catalog has been organized to facilitate these two purposes. The first section includes existing programs. Individuals interested in getting involved with youth preparedness are encouraged to coordinate with existing programs when feasible to avoid duplicating efforts. Programs are organized by level: national, regional, and state. Readers are encouraged to look at programs at all levels that might meet their needs.

Each state and territory falls into one of 10 FEMA regions, as can be seen on the next page.

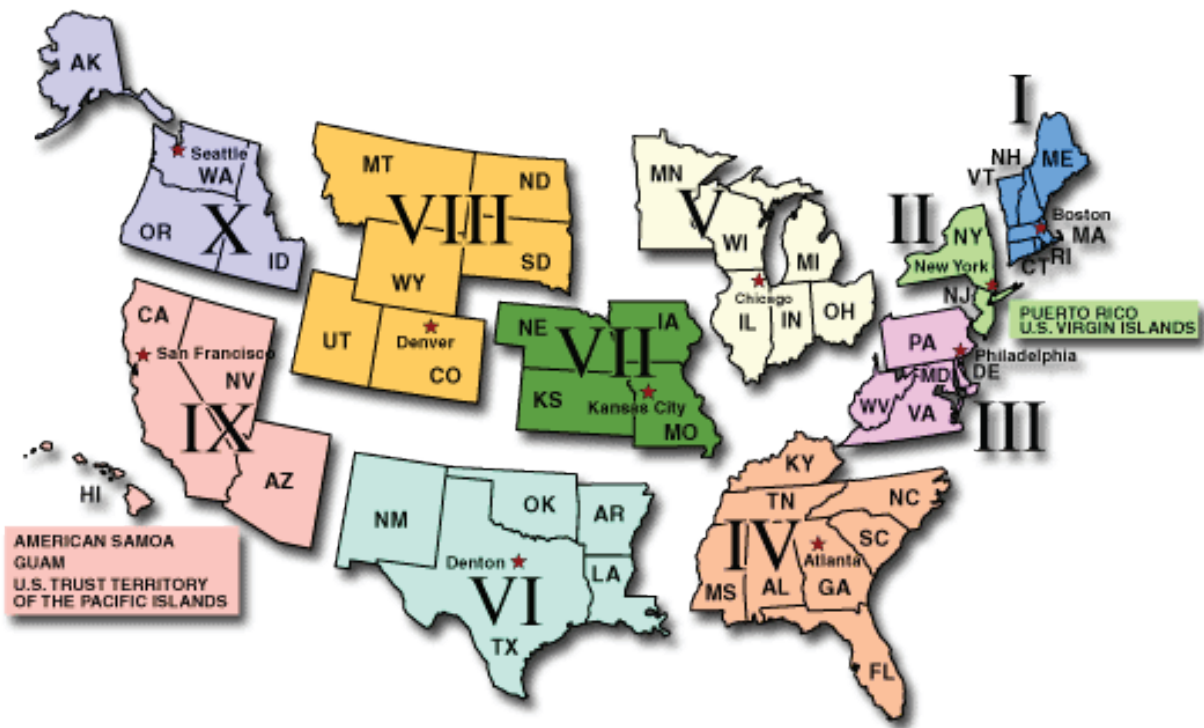


Figure 1: FEMA Regions¹

The catalog lists national programs first. In some cases, national programs have local chapters, so practitioners who are interested in a national program should check for local branches of the organization in their community. Programs are then listed by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) region. The states within each region are organized in alphabetical order.

In addition, the catalog includes sections for curricula and resources and activities. Individuals who are starting or running youth preparedness programs may be interested in existing tools and resources. Using existing curricula or activities can help reduce the resource burden on program managers, as they do not need to spend time and money developing resources.

The Resources and Activities section includes in-person activities, worksheets, online games, videos, community engagement activities, and newsletters—anything that can be used as part of a youth preparedness program to enhance the participants’ learning experience. The Publications section contains materials primarily tailored to adults who work with youth on preparedness. The final section is Additional Resources and Organizations, which includes anything that may be relevant to adults working in youth preparedness that does not fit into the previous categories.

Tables are included at the beginning of the Programs, Curricula, and Resources and Activities sections to facilitate searching by criteria such as topic or the recommended age for participants. Please note that these ages are approximate. When a program or activity is targeted for a specific grade, a rough age equivalent has been provided. However, be sure to look at the individual program, curriculum, or activity in more detail to confirm whether it would be appropriate for your purposes.

¹Image from www.fema.gov/regional-contact-information

Technical Assistance

In addition to this catalog, FEMA provides the following tools for individuals who are starting or running youth preparedness programs:


- The [Youth Preparedness: Implementing a Community-Based Program](#) provides high-level steps for implementing a youth preparedness program.
- The [Youth Preparedness Program Implementation Workbook](#) helps program managers brainstorm and implement each of the steps discussed in Youth Preparedness: Implementing a Community-Based Program.
- The [Youth Preparedness Program Implementation Checklist](#) helps program managers ensure that they have thoroughly completed each of the implementation steps discussed in Youth Preparedness: Implementing a Community-Based Program.
- The [Youth Preparedness Funding Guide](#) provides information about securing funding and resources for a program.
- The [Youth Preparedness Quick Tips to Mitigate Risks](#) provides a quick overview of basic strategies to manage key risks that a program might face.
- The [Youth Preparedness Guide to Risk Management](#) helps program managers identify potential risks associated with their programs, as well as techniques to mitigate those risks.

Technical assistance is also available directly from FEMA, for either general questions or specific assistance with starting or maintaining a youth preparedness program. Individuals with questions are encouraged to email FEMA-Youth-Preparedness@fema.dhs.gov. Additional information about youth preparedness is also available at ready.gov/youth-preparedness.

National Strategy for Youth Preparedness Education: Empowering, Educating and Building Resilience

FEMA, the American Red Cross, and the U.S. Department of Education partnered to develop the [National Strategy for Youth Preparedness Education: Empowering, Educating and Building Resilience](#). Information about the National Strategy can be accessed at ready.gov/youth-preparedness.

The National Strategy outlines a vision for a Nation of prepared youth and provides nine priority steps that partners at the local, state, and national levels can take to help make that vision a reality. Organizations can affirm their support for the National Strategy and align with the nine priority steps. The affirmers represent a growing network of organizations dedicated to building a more resilient Nation.

National Strategy affirmers are denoted in this catalog by the following symbol: 

For more information about affirming the National Strategy, email FEMA-Youth-Preparedness@fema.dhs.gov.

Maintaining This Catalog

This catalog is a living document, and additional programs will be added periodically. Programs that would like to be included or have resources that they would like to include are encouraged to send the information to FEMA-Youth-Preparedness@fema.dhs.gov.

The following information and links to third party sites are provided for your reference. FEMA does not endorse any non-government website, company, or application. The information provided here comes from the entities sponsoring each program.

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Always Ready Kids										•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
American Canyon Red Cross Club											•	•	•	•	•	•	
America's PrepareAthon!	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
AmeriCorps																•	•
Ark of Safety Youth										•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Aurora Teen CERT Program											•	•	•	•	•	•	
Be Prepared! Emergency Preparedness Patch Program			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE)				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Be Ready Camp									•	•							
Be the Beat®																	•
Boy Scouts of America, Troop 9, Petaluma, California										•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Cadet Program										•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
California Cadet Corps												•	•	•	•	•	•
Camp Noah				•	•	•	•	•	•	•							
Childcare Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan																	•
City of Anaheim Teen CERT Program											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
City of Costa Mesa Teen CERT Program											•	•	•	•	•	•	
City of Nashua Teen CERT											•	•	•	•	•	•	
City of Tacoma CERT Program											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cobb County Safety Village	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Commander Ready Program							•	•									
Community Emergency Response Network (CERN)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Eastside Technical Center											•	•	•	•	•	•	
Emergency Preparedness BSA Award									•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Exploring Program													•	•	•	•	•
FEMA Corps																•	•
Fire & Emergency Services Career Exploring												•	•	•	•	•	•
Fire Corps	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Fire Explorer Program												•	•	•	•	•	•
Firewise in the Classroom									•	•	•						
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Youth Preparedness Council										•	•	•	•				
Youth Services Program												•	•	•	•	•	

Programs by Topic

PROGRAM	Career exploration	Conservation	Crime prevention	Disaster psychology	Earthquakes	Fire safety	Floods	General preparedness	Hazardous materials	Health	Hurricanes	Medical	Personal growth	Personal safety	Recovery	Resilience	Search and rescue	Severe weather	Tornadoes	Volunteerism/community service	Water safety	Wilderness/survival skills	Wildfires	Winter storms
Always Ready Kids								•																
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Exploring Program	•					•						•					•			•			•	
FEMA Corps	•							•			•		•		•	•				•				
Fire & Emergency Services Career Exploring	•					•						•					•			•			•	
Fire Corps	•					•						•					•			•			•	
Fire Explorer Program	•					•						•					•			•			•	
Firewise in the Classroom						•																	•	
First Aid Badges												•												
Foster Grandparents																				•				
Frisco Fire Safety Town						•		•					•											
Get a Game Plan								•						•										
Get Ready. Get Safe.					•	•	•	•			•		•			•		•	•				•	•
Gold Award						•		•					•			•				•				
Harvest Christian Academy CERT Club				•		•		•				•	•	•			•			•				
Hope Scouts								•												•				
HOSA-Future Health Professionals	•							•		•		•												
Journey of Hope (JoH)				•				•							•	•								
Kentucky Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)	•								•															
Lake Michigan Catholic High School Teen CERT Program				•		•		•				•	•	•			•			•				
Lake Superior State University/Upward Bound CERT Program				•		•		•				•	•	•			•			•				
Law Enforcement Career Exploring	•		•										•	•						•				
LoneStar Emergency Services Academy (LESA)																	•			•		•		
Long Beach Search & Rescue	•					•		•									•			•				
Long Beach Teen CERT Program				•		•		•				•	•	•			•			•				
Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Cadets	•		•										•							•				
Los Angeles Youth Preparedness Program for Schools								•																
McGruff Club			•										•											

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Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)										•		•								•				
Michigan Law Enforcement Youth Advisory Academy	•		•							•				•						•				
Mid America Teen CERT				•		•		•				•	•	•			•			•				
Millstone Township Fire Company Explorers	•					•						•					•			•			•	
Mississippi Youth Preparedness Initiative (MyPI)				•		•		•				•	•	•			•			•				
Mitigation Kids Campaign					•		•	•			•		•	•		•		•	•		•			•
Nana's Fire and Safety School						•							•											
National Junior Firefighter Program	•					•						•					•			•			•	
National Neighborhood Watch			•										•							•				
National Pediatric Readiness Project (Peds Ready)				•					•			•		•										
New York City Law Enforcement Exploring	•		•											•						•				
Northeast Nevada Citizen Corps/CERT Program				•		•		•				•	•	•			•			•				
Operation Rescue Ready	•					•		•												•				
Prep Rally								•								•								
Project 351																				•				
Public Safety Support Citizen Academy	•		•			•						•	•							•				
Ready Girl				•				•								•								
Ready Houston								•																
Ready Schools						•		•												•				
Red Cross Clubs								•				•								•				
Redford Township Police Explorers	•		•											•						•				
Responding to Emergencies and Disasters With Youth (READY) Camp	•							•		•		•	•	•	•					•				
Ridgefield Park Youth Squad	•											•								•				
Safe Kids Colorado								•		•		•	•							•				
Safety Town								•					•											
Safety Town Santa Barbara					•	•		•					•								•			
San Bernardino County Fire Office of Emergency Services (County OES)				•		•		•				•	•	•			•			•				

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San Marcos High School Teen CERT Program				•		•		•				•		•	•		•			•				
School Children Outreach Empowerment (SCORE) Program													•											
School Disaster Preparedness Program								•																
Sesame Street Fire Safety Program						•		•															•	
SHOREline								•							•	•					•			
Simon Sanchez High School Tourism Academy Teen CERT Program				•		•		•				•		•	•		•				•			
South Los Angeles Teen CERT Collaborative				•		•		•				•		•	•		•				•			
Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) Michigan					•	•	•	•	•		•		•					•	•					•
StormReady®								•								•		•						
StormReady™ in a Box								•																
Summer Service Club																					•			
TakeAction		•				•		•						•		•							•	
Team Happy: Youth Preparedness Program								•						•										
Team School and Family Emergency Training (SAFE-T)					•	•		•		•		•	•	•										
Teens, Crime, and the Community (TCC)			•											•							•			
The Urban Assembly School for Emergency Management (UASEM)	•							•													•			
United States Power Squadrons: Youth Activities Committee																						•		
Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS): Youth-Related Activities	•		•											•							•			
Wasco Country 4-H Youth Development Program								•						•	•									
West County CERT				•		•		•				•		•	•		•				•			
Young ShelterBox (YSB) Club		•						•													•			
Youth and Young Adult Services								•				•									•			
Youth Creating Disaster Recovery and Resilience (YDCR2)													•		•	•								
Youth Leadership Development Program					•			•					•								•			

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Youth Preparedness Camp				•		•		•		•		•	•	•		•	•			•				
Youth Preparedness Council								•					•							•				
Youth Services Program								•				•								•				

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Many of the following programs are available in multiple locations throughout the country. Please see their respective websites to find a local chapter (if applicable).

Always Ready Kids

ORGANIZATION: ALWAYS READY KIDS

Website: www.alwaysreadykids.org

Ages: 12–18

Topic: General preparedness

Description: Always Ready Kids (ARK) was founded in 2004 and has conducted dozens of projects in several countries and three continents since the creation of the program. ARK's projects include presenting on disaster preparedness, distributing disaster preparedness information, and making individual safety supply kits that include basic preparedness items. ARK also assists with disaster relief efforts. The website includes resources for youth on building a disaster supply kit.

America's PrepareAthon!

ORGANIZATION: FEMA

Website: ready.gov/prepare

Ages: All ages

Topics: Earthquakes, floods, general preparedness, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, winter storms

Description: America's PrepareAthon! is a national grassroots campaign designed to help individuals, schools, organizations, and communities take specific actions to increase preparedness for disasters through drills, group discussions, and exercises. Although preparedness events are encouraged year-round, April 30 and September 30 are designated as National PrepareAthon! Days. The goal of America's PrepareAthon! is to increase the number of individuals who understand which disasters could happen in their communities, know what to do to be safe and mitigate damage, take action to increase their preparedness, and participate in community resilience planning.

AmeriCorps

ORGANIZATION: CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS)

Website: www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps

Ages: 18–24

Topics: Career exploration, general preparedness, personal growth, volunteerism/community service

Description: AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 Americans in service each year at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country. AmeriCorps places thousands of young adults into intensive service positions where they learn valuable work skills, earn money for education, and develop an appreciation for citizenship. AmeriCorps' Disaster Response Teams include youth members.

Be the Beat[®]

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Website: www.bethebeat.heart.org

Ages: Adults

Topic: Medical

Description: The American Heart Association is committed to creating the next generation of lifesavers through its Be the Beat program. The Be the Beat website provides free tools and resources to help teachers and school administrators start and sustain CPR and AED programs in schools. Through this website, teachers can download lesson plans and printables to teach kids the two simple steps to Hands-Only CPR™. Students will learn to “Be the Beat” and pump blood to a victim’s vital organs if they see an adult or teen suddenly collapse. Hands-Only CPR can double or triple a victim’s chance of survival.

Cadet Program

ORGANIZATION: CIVIL AIR PATROL, U.S. AIR FORCE AUXILIARY

Website: www.gocivilairpatrol.com/cap_home/youth_members

Ages: 12–18

Topics: Career exploration, general preparedness, personal growth, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service, wilderness/survival skills

Description: Youth in Civil Air Patrol’s Cadet Program follow a challenging curriculum that emphasizes leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character. The program follows a military model and emphasizes Air Force traditions and values. The Cadet Program can help prepare youth for a career in fields such as aviation, space, and the military. Cadets meet two hours per week and one Saturday per month, on average, and also have the opportunity to attend leadership encampments, career academies, search and rescue schools, and international exchanges during the summer.

Camp Noah

ORGANIZATION: LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MINNESOTA

Website: www.campnoah.org

Ages: 6–12

Topic: Resilience

Description: Camp Noah is a locally hosted event for elementary-age children whose communities have been impacted by disaster. Camp Noah provides a safe, caring, and fun environment where children build resiliency skills within the familiarity of their communities, using a proven curriculum designed to help children process their disaster and/or trauma experience through creative activities and play. Camp Noah celebrates every child as special. In this safe and supportive setting, children are encouraged to face their fears, grieve their losses, identify and share their unique gifts and talents, and plan for an amazing future. What originally began as a response to flooding in the Red River Valley (North Dakota and Minnesota) in 1997 has grown into a nationally recognized program for children whose communities have been impacted by natural and human-caused disasters. Since 1997, 28 states and Puerto Rico have hosted Camp Noah.

Emergency Preparedness BSA Award

ORGANIZATION: BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Website: www.scouting.org/Home/Media/Publications/EmergencyPreparedness.aspx

Ages: 11–17

Topic: General preparedness

Description: The Emergency Preparedness BSA Award, first introduced in 2003 and updated in 2014, was designed to teach young people to take care of themselves; to be helpful to others; and to develop courage, self-reliance, and the ability to be ready to serve in an emergency. The award has been earned by tens of thousands of Scouts and Scouters individually, with their unit, or at a large event such as a jamboree. By developing these lifelong skills, Scouts have been instrumental in helping their communities recover from emergencies.

FEMA Corps

ORGANIZATIONS: CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS)  AND FEMA 

Website: www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps/fema-corps

Ages: 18–24

Topics: Career exploration, general preparedness, hurricanes, personal growth, recovery, resilience, volunteerism/community service

Description: FEMA and CNCS offer a FEMA-devoted unit of up to 1,600 service corps members within AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps. The focus of FEMA Corps is on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery projects. While FEMA Corps teams mostly respond to federally declared disasters on projects pertaining to individual assistance, public assistance, planning, and logistics, they also support a variety of FEMA-sponsored youth preparedness initiatives including the Ready, Steady, Strong program. FEMA Corps also partners with other agencies such as the American Red Cross to assist with implementing their home fire prevention initiative and updating their national shelter database.

First Aid Badges

ORGANIZATION: GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 

Website: <http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/badges>

Ages: 5–17

Topic: Medical

Description: The Girl Scout First Aid Badge is awarded to scouts from second grade (Brownies) through 12th grade (Ambassadors). For over a century, Girl Scouts has helped build girls of courage, confidence, and character by teaching skills and offering merit badge programs. While all of the levels of scouting require different skills and activities to earn the First Aid Badge, they all aim to prepare girls to help others and be leaders in times of emergency.

Fire & Emergency Career Exploring

ORGANIZATION: LEARNING FOR LIFE

Website: www.exploring.org/exploring-discover-future/fire-and-emergency-career-exploring

Ages: 14–20

Topics: Career exploration, fire safety, medical, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service, wildfires

Description: Fire & Emergency Services Career Exploring is open to young men and women who have an interest in learning more about careers in the fields of fire and emergency services. Fire & Emergency Services Career Exploring programs expose participants to many career experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within fire and emergency services and to challenge them to become responsible citizens in their communities and country.

Fire Corps

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL

Website: www.firecorps.org

Ages: All ages

Topics: Career exploration, fire safety, medical, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service, wildfires

Description: Fire Corps offers fire prevention and life-safety education and training for students to assist in emergency response efforts at their schools and in their communities. Fire Corps asks its volunteers to teach youth about their vital role in making communities safer, encouraging them to have pride in their country, gain an understanding of their civic duty, and accept personal responsibility for their well-being as an active member of the community.

Foster Grandparents

ORGANIZATION: CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS) SENIOR CORPS

Website: www.nationalservice.gov/programs/senior-corps/foster-grandparents

Ages: Adults

Topics: Volunteerism/community service

Description: The Foster Grandparents program gives Senior Corps volunteers opportunities to serve as role models, mentors, and friends to children and youth in their communities. Senior Corps is a CNCS program that connects adults ages 55 and over with the people and organizations that need them most, and helps volunteers contribute their job skills and expertise to community projects and organizations that benefit youth.

Get Ready. Get Safe.

ORGANIZATION: SAVE THE CHILDREN

Website: www.savethechildren.org/getready

Ages: 0–18

Topics: Earthquakes, fire safety, floods, general preparedness, hurricanes, personal safety, resilience, severe weather, tornadoes, wildfires, winter storms

Description: Save the Children’s “Get Ready. Get Safe.” initiative is designed to help U.S. communities prepare to protect and care for children. Through online training programs, blog posts, short videos, and other resources, Save the Children makes emergency planning easy for child care professionals, emergency managers, youth-serving organizations, and communities. You can start by taking a pledge and creating a disaster supplies kit and family emergency communication plan.

Gold Award

ORGANIZATION: GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Website: www.girlscouts.org/program/highest_awards/gold_award.asp

Ages: 5–17

Topics: Fire safety, general preparedness, personal safety, resilience, volunteerism/community service

Description: Since 1916 Girl Scout’s highest award, the Gold Award, has stood for excellence and leadership for girls everywhere. The Gold Award project is something that a girl can be passionate about and fulfills a need within a girl’s community. One way in which a girl may pursue her Gold Award is by addressing the issue of emergency preparedness. Girl Scouts nationwide recognize that emergency preparedness is critical to community safety. Sample preparedness initiatives from Gold Award winners include tsunami seminars, first aid workshops, and fire safety expos.

Hope Scouts

ORGANIZATION: HOPE WORLDWIDE

Website: www.hopeww.org/national-youth-programs-overview

Ages: 5–14

Topics: General preparedness, volunteerism/community service

Description: HOPE Scouts was founded by the group’s youngest volunteers and is aimed at creating opportunities for students in kindergarten through eighth grade to contribute to HOPE worldwide programs and efforts in meaningful ways. HOPE Scouts participate in a range of preparedness activities, including canvassing at-risk neighborhoods with disaster information. Under the supervision of their Scout Leaders, they routinely support local programs and distinguish themselves by their passionate service.

HOSA-Future Health Professionals

ORGANIZATION: HOSA-FUTURE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS 

Website: www.hosa.org

Ages: 14–adult

Topics: Career exploration, general preparedness, health, medical

Description: Many HOSA chapters integrate preparedness education and training into their programs. There are two training programs (HOSA 105: Emergency Preparedness and HOSA 106: HOSA Strategies for Emergency Preparedness Competitive Events) that guide program advisers on incorporating preparedness training into their chapters. HOSA chapters may receive CERT training, and state- and national-level HOSA organizations hold competitive preparedness events, including CERT events. HOSA chapters also are encouraged to partner with local Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) chapters.

Journey of Hope (JoH)

ORGANIZATION: SAVE THE CHILDREN 

Website: www.savethechildren.org/atf/cf/%7B9def2ebe-10ae-432c-9bd0-df91d2eba74a%7D/JOURNEY%20OF%20HOPE%20FACT%20SHEET%202014.PDF

Ages: 5–18

Topics: Disaster psychology, general preparedness, recovery, resilience

Description: Save the Children created JoH psychosocial programs to help children and adults cope, build on their natural resiliency, and strengthen their network of social support with friends and others. Save the Children implements JoH in pre- and post-disaster contexts to help children cope and prepare for the next disaster. There are five different versions of the program for different age groups and caregivers: Junior (grades K–1), Elementary (grades 2–5), Adolescent (grades 6–8), Teen (grades 9–12), and Care for the Caregiver.

Law Enforcement Career Exploring

ORGANIZATION: LEARNING FOR LIFE

Website: www.exploring.org/exploring-discover-future/law-enforcement-career-exploring

Ages: 14–21

Topics: Career exploration, crime prevention, personal growth, personal safety, volunteerism/community service

Description: Law Enforcement Career Exploring is open to youth who have an interest in learning more about careers in law enforcement. The Law Enforcement Career Exploring program provides educational training for young adults on the purposes, mission, and objectives of law enforcement. The program provides career orientation experiences, leadership opportunities, and community service activities. The primary goals of the program are to help young adults choose a career path within law enforcement and to challenge them to become responsible citizens of their communities and the Nation.

LoneStar Emergency Services Academy (LESA)

ORGANIZATIONS: LONESTAR EMERGENCY SERVICES ACADEMY AND CIVIL AIR PATROL

Website: www.txwgcap.org/departments/cp/lesa

Ages: 14–adult

Topics: Search and rescue, volunteerism/community service, wilderness/survival skills

Description: LESA offers a range of 1-week in-person courses, held in Nacogdoches, TX, in the summer and in Brownsville, TX, during Christmas break, for youth and adults on topics such as ground search and rescue and wilderness first responder. LESA prepares members for participation in Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Emergency Services and allows cadets to work with non-CAP emergency management professionals with an eye toward career preparation. They also have a flight school in which adolescents can participate.

McGruff Club

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Website: www.ncpc.org/programs/mcgruff-club

Ages: 6–10

Topics: Crime prevention, personal safety

Description: The McGruff Club is a program that promotes crime prevention and safety education. Children learn what they can do to stay safe and to prevent crime and violence in their communities, and are encouraged to become engaged in their communities in service projects. Children meet weekly for 30 to 45 minutes and explore topics such as safe and unsafe neighborhoods, conflict management, bullying, and dangerous situations in the neighborhood. The clubs may also address diversity, Internet safety, guns and other weapons, and home safety. Children involved in the McGruff Club receive McGruff the Crime Dog items, activity sheets, safety letters from McGruff, and exclusive access to McGruff Club web pages that feature special games and activities. The program's website offers games, advice, videos, and other resources. Information for parents and educators is also available.

Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

ORGANIZATION: OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES 

Websites: www.medicalreservecorps.gov and www.hosa.org/node/154

Ages: 5–adult

Topics: Health, medical, volunteerism/community service

Description: MRC units are community-based and function as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year. MRC volunteers supplement existing emergency and public health resources and provide support for youth and school health education programs, including promoting flu prevention, hygiene, CPR and first aid training, and school blood drives. Approximately 22 percent of MRC units allow youth (under 18) membership or have formed Junior MRC units, recognizing the important role and influence junior members can have in serving their communities.

National Junior Firefighter Program

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL VOLUNTEER FIRE COUNCIL

Website: <http://juniors.nvfc.org>

Ages: 5–18

Topics: Career exploration, fire safety, medical, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service, wildfires

Description: The National Junior Firefighter Program allows youth to volunteer and learn about fire, rescue, and emergency medical services departments in their communities. The program's website offers resources for youth to get involved and provides ideas for local fire departments to recruit volunteers. Youth active in the program can track their hours of service to receive national recognition and can apply for a variety of scholarships.

National Neighborhood Watch

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION

Website: www.nnw.org

Ages: All ages

Topics: Crime prevention, personal safety, volunteerism/community service

Description: Neighborhood Watch programs frequently offer programs targeted toward youth, such as athletic activities, drug prevention programs, and tutoring. The main goal of these programs is to provide young people with opportunities to increase their skills and self-esteem. Some communities have organized youth crime watch programs, which train students in crime prevention strategies. Additional program topics may include gun awareness, conflict management, peer mediation, drug and gang prevention, peer pressure, and general safety.

National Pediatric Readiness Project (Peds Ready)

ORGANIZATION: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Website: www.emscnrc.org/emsc-research/peds-ready-project

Ages: 0–12

Topics: Disaster psychology, health, medical, recovery

Description: Peds Ready is an ongoing quality improvement project that promotes the optimal care of children. Peds Ready project leaders assess emergency departments and provide them with a pediatric readiness score and gap analysis.

Prep Rally

ORGANIZATION: SAVE THE CHILDREN 

Website: www.savethechildren.org/PrepRally

Ages: 5–12

Topics: General preparedness, resilience

Description: Save the Children’s Prep Rally program helps communities prepare for emergencies so that when disaster strikes, families will be ready and children will be safe. It covers four basic Prep Steps: 1) Recognizing Risks, 2) Planning Ahead, 3) Gathering Wise Supplies, and 4) During a Disaster. Each step includes demonstrations, discussions, activities, and take-home materials. The curriculum is free and easy to use, and can be shaped to meet the specific needs of your community—whether it’s an after-school program, summer camp, local fair, or the start of tornado season. Training and youth service models are available. The Youth Service toolkit provides information about how to plan a Prep Rally in your community to help prepare children for disasters. The document provides checklists and suggestions to potential organizers for their event, and explains the available trainings and additional free tools available to help make their events successful.

Red Cross Clubs

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS 

Website: www.redcrossyouth.org

Ages: 5–22

Topics: General preparedness, medical, volunteerism/community service

Description: Red Cross Clubs are school-based (including college), student-organized groups that provide an opportunity for youth to make a difference in their schools and communities. Clubs conduct a range of projects, including some related to disaster preparedness.

Safety Town

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL SAFETY TOWN CENTER

Website: www.nationalsafetytown.com

Ages: 4–18

Topics: General preparedness, personal safety

Description: Safety Town is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated solely to promoting preschool and early childhood safety education. The organization serves as a resource and coordinating agency for local communities to establish a Safety Town in their community, as well as a resource for nurseries and elementary schools, special education classes, and other organizations. Safety Town has provided speakers, information, assistance, books, and materials to more than 3,500 communities throughout the United States and 38 other countries. Millions of children, teenagers, teachers, and parents have benefited from the program.

SHOREline

ORGANIZATIONS: NATIONAL CENTER FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EARTH INSTITUTE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY; DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CENTER FOR DISASTER AND RISK ANALYSIS AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Website: www.shoreline.ncdp.columbia.edu

Ages: 14–19

Topics: General preparedness, recovery, resilience, volunteerism/community service

Description: SHOREline seeks to develop a network of youth who help themselves, their families, their schools, their communities, and youth in other communities recover from disasters. Program participants work on developing tools that support disaster recovery by youth and communities. They also attend two yearly youth summits and have the opportunity to interact with local and national leaders. Interested students from participating schools can apply for inclusion in the program.

StormReady®

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE (NWS) 

Website: www.stormready.noaa.gov

Ages: 13–adults

Topics: General preparedness, resilience, severe weather

Description: StormReady is a certification program sponsored by NWS as part of its Weather-Ready Nation program. Participants of StormReady include communities, counties, schools and universities, military bases, tribal nations, commercial enterprises, and other groups. Youth-focused organizations can apply to NWS to be recognized as StormReady if they meet the criteria for recognition with the help of their local NWS office Warning Coordination Meteorologist, or they may join the StormReady Supporter program.

TakeAction

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Websites: www.nfpa.org/takeaction and www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qni1tT64D-4

Ages: 1–18

Topics: Conservation, fire safety, general preparedness, personal safety, resilience, wildfires

Description: The TakeAction campaign provides resources and projects for youth that reduce wildfire risks and post-fire impacts like flooding and mudslides. Youth can get involved through an individual, family, or community service project that benefits their families—including pets and livestock, neighbors, and communities. The whiteboard video teaches youth how to be empowered with knowing what to do and how to be prepared.

Teens, Crime, and the Community (TCC)

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

Website: www.ncpc.org/programs/teens-crime-and-the-community/about-tcc

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Crime prevention, personal safety, volunteerism/community service

Description: TCC is an initiative that encourages youth across the country to create safer schools and neighborhoods and increases social responsibility in teens through education and service-learning projects. TCC is composed of two major efforts: Community Works and Youth Safety Corps (YSC). Community Works is a comprehensive, law-related crime prevention program that helps teens understand how crime affects them and their families, friends, and communities, and it involves them in crime prevention projects to help make their communities safer and more vital. YSC provides an opportunity for youth interested in public safety and crime prevention to become involved in partnerships with school resource officers, school personnel, and community volunteers to assist in creating safe schools and communities.

United States Power Squadrons: Youth Activities Committee

ORGANIZATION: U.S. POWER SQUADRONS

Website: www.usps.org/national/membership/youth

Ages: 5–14

Topic: Water safety

Description: United States Power Squadrons introduces children to boating and water safety behaviors, including spotting environmental hazards and practicing smart safety and rescue techniques. The site provides games and activities to teach safe boating.

Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS): Youth-Related Activities

ORGANIZATION: INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

Website: www.iacp.org/VIPS

Ages: 5–18

Topics: Career exploration, crime prevention, personal safety, volunteerism/community service

Description: VIPS offers opportunities for youth to become involved in local police services by participating in programs such as youth citizen academies, school-based programs such as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), after-school programs, and internships. Local VIPS programs also offer junior police academies, youth crime watch programs, youth accountability boards, youth camps, law enforcement exploring posts, mentoring programs, and police athletic league programs.

Young ShelterBox (YSB) Club

ORGANIZATION: SHELTERBOX USA

Website: www.youngshelterboxusa.org

Ages: 5–14

Topics: Conservation, general preparedness, volunteerism/community service

Description: The YSB Club offers youth the opportunity to prepare for disasters with their families and community and help make a difference for global neighbors. The YSB website includes information on the causes and effects of various disasters such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions.

Youth Creating Disaster Recovery and Resilience (YCDR²)

ORGANIZATIONS: SCHOOL OF HUMANITARIAN STUDIES AT ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CENTER FOR DISASTER AND RISK ANALYSIS AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA

Website: www.ycdr.org

Ages: 15–22

Topics: Personal growth, recovery, resilience

Description: The goal of this research project, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, is to creatively engage disaster-affected youth following disasters. YCDR² focuses on how youth can and do contribute to the post-disaster recovery process. YCDR² aims to connect youth across communities through visual and digital storytelling and other creative media. This approach empowers and educates youth about disasters and seeks to influence the ways that communities incorporate youth perspectives into disaster planning activities (i.e., mitigation, prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery). This project contributes to an understanding of the ways in which social, economic, and personal factors influence disaster vulnerability among youth and their capacity to recover and contribute to long-term individual and community resilience.

Youth Preparedness Council

ORGANIZATION: FEMA 

Website: ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council

Ages: 14–17

Topics: General preparedness, personal growth, volunteerism/community service

Description: The FEMA Youth Preparedness Council brings together youth leaders from across the country who are interested and engaged in advocating for youth preparedness. The Council supports FEMA's commitment to involving youth in preparedness-related activities and provides an avenue to engage the youth population, taking into account their perspectives, feedback, and opinions. Council members attend an annual Youth Preparedness Council Summit, meet periodically with FEMA representatives, and complete individual and group projects. Council members are selected during an annual application process based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities, and their potential to expand their impact as national advocates for youth preparedness.

Programs By Region

Region I

FEMA Region I includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The contact information for Region I is as follows:

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Boston, MA 02110

Telephone: (877) 336-2734

fema-r1-info@fema.dhs.gov

More information can be found at www.fema.gov/region-i.

MASSACHUSETTS

Project 351

ORGANIZATION: PROJECT 351

Website: www.project351.com

Ages: 13–14

Topics: Volunteerism/community service

Description: Project 351 celebrates the ethic of service, youth leadership, and the power of community to uplift and unite. The heart of Project 351 is the dedication and compassion of young leaders from across Massachusetts. Ambassadors are eighth grade students who are selected by local educators for their exemplary ethic of service and their values of humility, compassion, commitment, and generosity of spirit. Project 351 was launched during Governor Deval Patrick's 2011 inauguration, when more than 400 youth ambassadors united to serve, develop leadership skills, and discuss issues critical to young people and their communities. Their 2012 day of service affected more than 10,000 children facing challenges in the areas of nutrition, early childhood health, and development and education. That success compelled the youth ambassadors to continue to seek the training, tools, and support of a new network of service-minded youth.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

City of Nashua Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

ORGANIZATION: CITY OF NASHUA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 

Website: www.nashuanh.gov/cert

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: The City of Nashua's Office of Emergency Management sponsors a Teen CERT program that teaches teenagers readiness and response skills. By emphasizing hands-on practice and using realistic exercises, participants learn to prepare for the unexpected. Participants develop leadership skills that empower them to safely respond to emergencies and assist survivors without endangering themselves or others. To supplement in-class learning, the Nashua Office of Emergency Management provides students with course materials as well as emergency kits. This program can be brought to schools, clubs, and after-school programs.

Region II

FEMA Region II includes New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The contact information for Region II is as follows:

26 Federal Plaza

New York, NY 10278-0002

Telephone: (212) 680-3600

FEMA-R2-ExternalAffairs@fema.dhs.gov

More information can be found at www.fema.gov/region-ii.

NEW JERSEY

Hope Scouts

ORGANIZATION: HOPE WORLDWIDE, CENTRAL JERSEY

Website: www.hope4jersey.org

Ages: 5–14

Topics: General preparedness, volunteerism/community service

Description: HOPE Scouts was founded by the group's youngest volunteers and is aimed at creating opportunities for students in kindergarten through eighth grade to contribute to HOPE worldwide programs and efforts in meaningful ways. New Jersey Scouts have worked on a variety of Hurricane Sandy recovery initiatives. Under the supervision of their Scout Leaders, they routinely support local programs and distinguish themselves by their passionate service.

Millstone Township Fire Company Explorers

ORGANIZATION: MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY

Website: www.millstonefire.com

Ages: 14–18

Topics: Career exploration, fire safety, medical, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service, wildfires

Description: The Millstone Township Fire Company Explorers program introduces major elements of firefighting and safety to high school-age individuals. Explorers are able to use their skills and knowledge to assist firefighters in the field. Explorers have aided fire professionals in responding to structure fires, brush fires, car accidents, rescue assignments, CPR assistance, and other EMS-related incidents.

Ridgefield Park Youth Squad

ORGANIZATION: RIDGEFIELD PARK VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

Website: www.ridgefieldpark.org/oem.html

Ages: 16–18

Topics: Career exploration, medical, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Ridgefield Park Volunteer Ambulance Corps was formed to provide emergency medical care to the residents of Ridgefield Park. Youth Squad members join the Senior Squad on 4-hour shifts, where they respond to emergency calls and assist with patient care. Youth members play a key role in assisting with the maintenance and upkeep of equipment and are trained in CPR. Members have the option of taking EMT certification classes.

NEW YORK

New York City Law Enforcement Exploring

ORGANIZATION: NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Website: www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/community_affairs/youth_programs_explorers.shtml

Ages: 14–20

Topics: Career exploration, crime prevention, personal safety, volunteerism/community service

Description: Law Enforcement Exploring is a community service, career-oriented program designed to educate young men and women about law enforcement. Exploring reaches out to New York City’s young adults in every community to help enhance relations between the community and the New York City Police Department. Explorers are taught the importance of higher education, self-discipline, and respect for authority while they actively participate in community service projects and other Exploring events.

Ready Girl

ORGANIZATION: NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 

Websites: <http://readygirlnyc.wordpress.com> and www1.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/ready-girl.page

Ages: 14–20

Topics: Disaster psychology, general preparedness, resilience

Description: Ready Girl is a superhero who teaches young children about emergency preparedness. She shows children how to make family emergency communication plans, identify emergency meeting places, and make disaster supply kits. Ready Girl regularly makes appearances at schools, community events, and venues throughout the city. Visit the New York City Emergency Management website to schedule her for a visit.

Ready Schools

ORGANIZATION: NEW YORK CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 

Website: www1.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/kids.page

Ages: 5–18 and adults

Topics: Fire safety, general preparedness, volunteerism/community service

Description: Ready Schools is part of the Ready New York for Kids program. Ready Schools provides interactive emergency preparedness guides for students. In collaboration with New York City Emergency Management and the New York City Department of Education, Ready Schools operates in all five boroughs. The program provides a variety of online resources for students and parents about packing a “go bag” and important ways to be prepared for disasters.

The Urban Assembly School for Emergency Management (UASEM)

ORGANIZATION: THE URBAN ASSEMBLY SCHOOL FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Website: www.uasem.org

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Career exploration, general preparedness, volunteerism/community service

Description: UASEM is a public career and technical education high school that helps students to develop complex quantitative and qualitative reasoning skills with an understanding of the principles of emergency management. UASEM graduates are equipped with the skills necessary for entering the emergency management field or going to college. Students engage with internships, collaborative simulations, student-led community training, and strong industry partnerships. It is a continuous learning community invested in understanding students' needs for career and college readiness and developing the personal responsibility and empowerment of students, parents, and staff.

Region III

FEMA Region III includes Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, DC, and West Virginia. The contact information for Region III is as follows:

615 Chestnut Street
One Independence Mall, Sixth Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404
Telephone: (215) 931-5500

More information can be found at www.fema.gov/region-iii.

DELAWARE

School Disaster Preparedness Program

ORGANIZATIONS: DELAWARE CITIZEN CORPS, AMERICAN RED CROSS, PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS, RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, AND DELAWARE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Website: www.delawarecitizencorps.org/schools

Ages: 12–18

Topic: General preparedness

Description: The Delaware Citizen Corps, American Red Cross of the Delmarva Peninsula, Public Health Preparedness, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and Delaware Emergency Management developed the Delaware Disaster Preparedness Program. The goal of the program is to present students with a common message about the importance of preparing for all hazards. The Delaware State Police’s School Resource Officers and Youth Aid Officers deliver the program in schools. The program includes a series of five videos and a classroom discussion guide, and covers a variety of topics, including developing a family emergency communication plan, making a disaster supply kit, sheltering in place, and evacuating.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Be Prepared! Emergency Preparedness Patch Program

ORGANIZATION: GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF THE NATION’S CAPITAL

Website: www.gscnc.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gscnc/documents/Our-Council/Kits%20and%20Patches/Girl_Scouts_Emergency_Preparedness_Patch_Program.pdf

Ages: 5–18

Topic: General preparedness

Description: The Be Prepared! Emergency Preparedness Patch Program was created in conjunction with FEMA’s Citizen Corps to equip Girl Scouts in the Nation’s Capital with skills to protect their families, friends, and communities when disaster strikes. The patch program prepares Girl Scouts to identify local risks and potential emergencies, connect with local community service agencies, understand hazards and appropriate protective actions, learn local alerts and warning systems, prepare themselves and their families, deal with emotional responses to an emergency, discover how to get trained and become involved in community emergency planning, and explore additional resources. A leader’s guide is available on the website.

Commander Ready Program

ORGANIZATION: SERVE DC

Website: www.readydc.org

Ages: 9–10

Topic: General preparedness

Description: The Commander Ready program is a Serve DC Emergency Preparedness Initiative designed to educate and engage fourth and fifth grade students in emergency preparedness. The Commander Ready curriculum includes activities, workshops, and an animated DVD featuring the Ready Team, and teaches children how to prepare for emergencies and how to prevent damage. Commander Ready is conducted as an after-school program with four separate modules, each lasting 60 minutes. The website also includes resources for parents.

MARYLAND

Community Emergency Response Network (CERN)

ORGANIZATION: HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Website: www.cernhc.org

Ages: All ages

Topics: General preparedness, resilience

Description: CERN is a public-private partnership of first responders, nonprofit leaders, and others, with a mission to enhance community resilience through emergency preparedness based on knowledge, prior planning, reasonable precautions, and collaboration among citizens. The network includes youth-based organizations as well as representatives from public schools and area universities. CERN's mission is to engage the community to maximize emergency preparedness.

VIRGINIA

Fire Explorer Program

ORGANIZATION: VIRGINIA BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Website: www.vbgov.com/government/departments/fire/volunteer-empl-opp/Pages/Youth-Information.aspx

Ages: 14–20

Topics: Career exploration, fire safety, medical, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service, wildfires

Description: The Fire Explorer program is designed for young men and women interested in exploring a career in firefighting or emergency services. Explorers shadow fire department professionals in the field and assist with various emergency response-related tasks.

Operation Rescue Ready

ORGANIZATION: ARLINGTON COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (OEM)

Website: <http://emergency.arlingtonva.us/2014/06/orr>

Ages: 13–adult

Topics: Career exploration, fire safety, general preparedness, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Arlington County OEM, along with local and national partners, offers teens the opportunity to learn about careers in emergency management, fire service, and public service. It also better prepares teens for what to do before, during, and after an emergency. The curriculum is intended to teach readiness tips for students, school staff, and parents to use in the event of a disaster. The daylong program is generally administered during the summer months.

Region IV

FEMA Region IV includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. The contact information for Region IV is as follows:

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Atlanta, GA 30341

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Fax: (770) 220-5230

More information can be found at www.fema.gov/region-iv.

ALABAMA

Be Ready Camp

ORGANIZATION: SERVE ALABAMA

Website: www.servealabama.gov/bereadycamp

Ages: 11–12

Topics: Disaster psychology, general preparedness, medical, search and rescue

Description: Be Ready Camp was created to teach Alabama's sixth graders about disaster preparedness and response. Topics range from fire safety to light search and rescue. The camp includes hands-on demonstrations and culminates with a mock disaster. Participants are chosen through a competitive application process.

FLORIDA

Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE)

ORGANIZATION: BE READY ALLIANCE COORDINATING FOR EMERGENCIES

Website: www.bereadyalliance.org

Ages: 5–18

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, personal growth, recovery, volunteerism/community service

Description: BRACE engages the community in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. The organization offers CERT training for teens, as well as volunteer opportunities. BRACE also hosts an annual Youth Emergency Preparedness Expo with emergency preparedness information and demonstrations.

Kids Get a Plan

ORGANIZATION: FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Website: www.kidsgetaplan.com

Ages: 6–11

Materials: Coloring pages, games, stories

Topics: Hurricanes, thunderstorms, tornadoes, wildfires

Description: Kids Get a Plan is an interactive website featuring stories, coloring pages, and activities. The website also offers accompanying guides for teachers and parents.

GEORGIA

Cobb County Safety Village

ORGANIZATION: COBB COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Website: www.cobbcountyga.gov/safetyvillage

Ages: All ages

Topics: Crime prevention, fire safety, general preparedness, personal safety

Description: Cobb County Safety Village is an eight-acre safety-training environment where residents of all ages and individuals in the business community learn about public health, safety, and emergency preparedness through hands-on experiences. The Village features reduced-scale buildings on street replicas that include sidewalks and traffic signals. The Village includes four areas that help teach children how to react in emergency situations such as fire, crime, and disasters.

KENTUCKY

Eastside Technical Center

ORGANIZATION: FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 

Website: www.eastside.fcps.net

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Career exploration, crime prevention, fire safety, general preparedness, health, medical, personal safety

Description: The Eastside Technical Center uses college, professional responder, and FEMA curricula to educate high school students interested in careers in emergency management. Participants can take courses related to terrorism awareness, criminal justice, emergency management, emergency medical services, fire sciences, field-based forensic sciences, and law enforcement. These courses prepare students for post-secondary education, military service, and professional services. Students participate in demanding physical training that follows standards established for law enforcement and firefighting personnel. Students who successfully complete the program have the opportunity to earn up to six federal professional certifications.

Kentucky Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)

ORGANIZATION: KENTUCKY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Website: <http://csepp.ky.gov>

Ages: 5–adult

Topics: Career exploration, hazardous materials

Description: CSEPP seeks to educate students at all grade levels on emergency planning and hazardous-material disaster response. CSEPP officials are available to visit students from elementary school to high school. CSEPP also conducts new student orientation programs for college students where they explain available preparedness resources. In September, CSEPP hosts an annual exercise, open to students, to help individuals develop situational awareness in hazardous-material emergencies. CSEPP is also able to conduct outreach to groups with limited English proficiency.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Youth Preparedness Initiative (MyPI)

ORGANIZATION: MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY 

Website: <http://mypi.msstate.edu>

Ages: 13–19

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: MyPI is a 10-week program, during which Mississippi teens complete Teen CERT training and CPR and automated external defibrillator certification. The program also includes leadership and technology concepts and a career exploration track. Culminating the program is a comprehensive service project entitled Prep + 6 in which each participant helps develop emergency kits and emergency communication plans for their family and six other families.

Mitigation Kids Campaign

ORGANIZATION: MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Website: www.msema.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Delta-and-Pearl.pdf

Ages: 3–12

Topics: Earthquakes, floods, general preparedness, hurricanes, personal growth, personal safety, resilience, severe weather, tornadoes, water safety, winter storms

Description: Children are invited to take a journey with Delta the Disaster Dog, Pearl the Preparedness Pup, and Jake the Mitigation Wizard as they travel around the State of Mississippi learning how to mitigate disasters. In addition to a workbook, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency brings the characters to life by bringing them to community outreach events to meet kids and encourage them to be prepared for disasters and severe weather.

NORTH CAROLINA

Childcare Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

ORGANIZATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY EDUCATION

Website: <https://rmp.nc.gov/portal>

Ages: Adults

Topics: General preparedness, personal safety, resilience, severe weather

Description: North Carolina's Emergency Management Division and Division of Child Development and Early Education created an online application for childcare operators. The web-based Childcare Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan helps childcare facilitators develop, update, and submit emergency plans for children in their care. The tool covers multiple hazards, from severe weather to active shooters. It allows childcare owners to easily review and update their plans each year, as required.

Region V

FEMA Region V includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. The contact information for Region V is as follows:

536 South Clark Street
Sixth Floor
Chicago, IL 60605
Telephone: (312) 408-5500

More information can be found at www.fema.gov/region-v.

ILLINOIS

The Day the Earth Shook

ORGANIZATION: ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Website: <http://public.iema.state.il.us/webdocs/earthquakegame/Welcome.html>

Ages: 5–14

Material: Game

Topic: Earthquakes

Description: The Day the Earth Shook video game is one of the ongoing efforts from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to spread disaster preparedness messages to youth in the state. The game uses an earthquake scenario to demonstrate the need for a disaster supply kit as well as identify safe locations in a building during an earthquake.

Ready Schools/Campus, Illinois Emergency Management Agency

Website: www.illinois.gov/ready/plan/Pages/Schools.aspx

Description: The Illinois Emergency Management Agency website offers information for a variety of ages, from preschool children to college students. Available resources include a School Safety Drills Best Practices and Procedures DVD, a tornado preparedness video and checklist, and a school emergency and crisis response plan template. College resources include information on enhancing campus safety.

MICHIGAN

Lake Michigan Catholic High School Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

ORGANIZATION: LAKE MICHIGAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Website: www.lmclakers.com

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Lake Michigan Catholic High School Teen CERT includes students from all four grade levels. The organizers hold an annual class to increase membership in the program. The team is ready to assist should an emergency happen at the school.

Lake Superior State University/Upward Bound Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

ORGANIZATION: UPWARD BOUND AT LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY

Website: www.lssu.edu/upbound

Ages: 13–adult

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: Lake Superior State University Upward Bound (LSSU/UB) sponsors a Teen CERT program for high school and college students in Chippewa County, MI. Students train in first aid, CPR, emergency preparedness, light search and rescue, and medical triage area setup to support first responders. Members also conduct public emergency preparedness awareness activities, assist at community events (most often by running first aid booths), train other groups (such as local scouts), and mentor local elementary school students by sharing their knowledge and creating “jump kits” (basic emergency preparedness kits) for the students to share with their families. The LSSU/UB CERT members include high school students from Rudyard, Pickford, Brimley, and Sault Ste. Marie Area Schools and college students from Lake Superior State University.

Michigan Law Enforcement Youth Advisory Academy

ORGANIZATION: MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MLEYAC)

Website: www.mleyac.org

Ages: 14–20

Topics: Career exploration, crime prevention, health, personal safety, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Michigan Law Enforcement Youth Advisory Academy is a 7-day camp that serves as a miniaturized version of a regular police academy and is geared toward youth exploring the possibility of a career in law enforcement. Youth are required to follow basic military guidelines such as properly addressing senior staff and saluting certain academy officers. Recruits are required to participate in physical training every day. Each youth is placed in a platoon where their “drill instructors” teach them the core values of teamwork, dedication, quality, and service. Recruits graduate once they have met the minimum requirements and passed all applicable tests.

Redford Township Police Explorers

ORGANIZATION: REDFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Website: www.redfordtwp.com/police-explorer.php

Ages: 14–20

Topics: Career exploration, crime prevention, personal safety, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Redford Township Police Explorers are dedicated to providing the community's youth with training and experiences geared toward a career in law enforcement. The Explorer program introduces members to police skills, including traffic stops, domestic violence and accident investigations, and tactical building searches. Explorers are further exposed to police work through support activities at township festivals and parades, sponsored outings to courts and jails, and ride-alongs with officers after reaching 18 years of age. Explorers attend boot camp-style training academies and compete in statewide competitions. Leadership, discipline, and community service are instilled in members through training, competitions, and township events. The Redford Township Police Explorers participate in Goodfellows events, Shop with a Cop, and Relay for Life, and even sponsor a Halloween Candy Scan for the township's children.

Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) Michigan

ORGANIZATION: MICHIGAN STATE POLICE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY DIVISION

Website: www.michigan.gov/step

Ages: 10–11

Topics: Earthquakes, extreme heat, fire safety, floods, general preparedness, hazardous materials, hurricanes, personal safety, severe weather, tornadoes, tsunamis, winter storms

Description: All fifth grade classes in Michigan are eligible to participate in the STEP program. STEP is a simple and effective curriculum available from FEMA. Designed by teachers, STEP aims to educate fourth- and fifth-graders on the importance of preparing for emergencies and provides students with the knowledge to help their families prepare. Materials include instructor guides, DVDs, copies of student handouts, and starter kit backpacks for all participating students. All materials are provided at no cost to the school.

MINNESOTA

Camp Noah

ORGANIZATION: LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MINNESOTA 

Website: www.campnoah.org

Ages: 6–12

Topic: Resilience

Description: Camp Noah is a locally hosted event for elementary-age children whose communities have been impacted by disaster. Camp Noah provides a safe, caring, and fun environment where children build resiliency skills within the familiarity of their communities, using a proven curriculum designed to help children process their disaster and/or trauma experience through creative activities and play. Camp Noah celebrates every child as special. In this safe and supportive setting, children are encouraged to face their fears, grieve their losses, identify and share their unique gifts and talents, and plan for an amazing future. What originally began as a response to flooding in the Red River Valley (North Dakota and Minnesota) in 1997 has grown into a nationally recognized program for children whose communities have been impacted by natural and human-caused disasters. Since 1997, 28 states and Puerto Rico have hosted Camp Noah.

StormReady™ in a Box

ORGANIZATIONS: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TWIN CITIES AND MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Websites: www.mnasa.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=615 and www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uo8X63ts1Y

Ages: Adults

Topic: General preparedness

Description: StormReady in a Box provides schools with the tools needed to gain recognition as a StormReady Supporter by the National Weather Service. The project includes a teacher's guide with materials and instructions; student handouts, including worksheets designed to enhance storm preparedness in their personal lives and enhance their general weather and science knowledge; supplemental information pamphlets on a variety of weather and safety topics; reference documents published by FEMA, the State of Minnesota, and the National Weather Service; and other preparedness tools, including activity books and lesson plans distributed by FEMA regarding disaster preparedness on weather-related and non-weather-related disasters.

OHIO

Public Safety Support Citizen Academy

ORGANIZATIONS: FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRANKLIN COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY

Website: <http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov/programs/explorer-program.cfm>

Ages: 14–21

Topics: Career exploration, crime prevention, fire safety, medical, personal safety, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Public Safety Support Citizen Academy offers opportunities in character building, leadership, homeland security, police and fire response, emergency response, and preparedness. Youth are exposed to a range of public safety career options while gaining practical hands-on experience upon graduation from the 8-week training program. Completion of training prepares participants to provide support to public safety forces during disasters as well as volunteer opportunities during special and routine events.

WISCONSIN

Responding to Emergencies and Disasters With Youth (READY) Camp

ORGANIZATION: CENTER FOR SCHOOL, YOUTH AND CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS

Website: www.citizenpreparedness.org/ready_camp.html

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Career exploration, general preparedness, health, medical, personal growth, personal safety, recovery, volunteerism/community service

Description: The READY camp is coordinated by the Center for School, Youth and Citizen Preparedness. Students learn about their potential role in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from an emergency situation, and have the opportunity to put what they've learned to use in a mock disaster exercise. The program has taught hundreds of students the skills they need to stabilize any injuries they may have suffered before moving on to assist others during and after emergency situations until professionals arrive. Students also learn to identify the hazards most likely to occur and reduce potential hazards in and around their homes and schools. They receive training in safety and injury prevention, first aid, CPR, and the use of an automatic external defibrillator. The program also teaches youth how to respond to natural and manmade disasters and develops their leadership skills to effect change through higher education after graduation. Youth are encouraged to lead community prevention efforts, increase their interest in health and public safety careers, and volunteer in their communities through service learning projects.

Region VI

FEMA Region VI includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The contact information for Region VI is as follows:

FRC 800 North Loop 288
Denton, TX 76209-3698
Telephone: (940) 898-5399

More information can be found at www.fema.gov/region-vi.

LOUISIANA

Get a Game Plan

ORGANIZATION: THE LOUISIANA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (GOHSEP)

Website: www.getagameplan.org/planKids.htm

Ages: 5–18

Topic: General preparedness

Description: The GOHSEP Get a Game Plan initiative provides resources that families can use to develop emergency management plans. The Get a Game Plan initiative is complemented by a smartphone app that includes an emergency checklist, sheltering information, and evacuation zone locations. GOHSEP also supports youth preparedness education by conducting regular drills and training exercises.

Team Happy: Youth Preparedness Program

ORGANIZATION: TEAM HAPPY FOUNDATION

Website: www.teamhappy.org/programs/youthpreparedness

Ages: 6–12

Topics: General preparedness, personal safety

Description: This program teaches youth how to make a family plan, build a safety kit, and stay informed about disasters. The interactive book, *The Adventures of Happy & Big Wanda*, serves as the curriculum core, and includes a hurricane preparedness checklist, a word search, a fill-in-the-blank puzzle, and coloring pages. Students take home individual worksheets and recite the Safety Pledge, making a personal commitment to encourage their family and peers to become better prepared for disasters.

NEW MEXICO

Nana's Fire and Safety School

ORGANIZATION: NANA'S FIRE AND SAFETY SCHOOL

Website: www.facebook.com/Nanas-Fire-and-Safety-School-225032674216208

Ages: 5–14

Topics: Fire safety, personal safety

Description: Nana's Fire and Safety School offers a fun and exciting place to teach youth about issues like fire prevention, bicycle and pedestrian safety, motor vehicle safety for children as passengers, and the dangers of speaking to strangers. Housed in a mock tiny village, the school is sized for little learners, with streets and buildings set at their level. The school is sponsored through generous donations from area businesses and civic organizations.

Youth and Young Adult Services

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS IN ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO, AND EL PASO

Website: www.redcross.org/az/phoenix/volunteer/youth-young-adult-services

Ages: 3–22

Topics: General preparedness, medical, volunteerism/community service

Description: The American Red Cross in Arizona, New Mexico, and El Paso is dedicated to providing young people with leadership development through meaningful service opportunities in local, national, and international programs. Youth and young adults may engage with their local chapter as volunteers or through youth clubs in schools and communities. Programs are available for elementary school through college-age students.

TEXAS

Frisco Fire Safety Town

ORGANIZATION: FRISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Website: www.friscotexas.gov/departments/fire/Pages/default.aspx

Ages: 3–11

Topics: Fire safety, general preparedness, personal safety

Description: Frisco Fire Safety Town has programs designed for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Safe and Sound Walk-Around educational tours are available daily for families to attend and learn various safety messages. Frisco Fire Safety Town teaches children about safety in a fun and interactive environment. Year-round safety education classes are run by the Frisco Fire Department and focus on teaching students how to prevent injuries and stay safe.

Ready Houston

ORGANIZATION: CITY OF HOUSTON MAYOR'S OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Website: www.readyhouston.tx.gov/schoolready/index.html

Ages: 5–11

Topic: General preparedness

Description: Ready Houston materials include classroom lessons and take-home activities divided into three modules (grades K–1, 2–3, and 4–5). The lessons can be used for a 1-day activity or as a complete unit over several days. The lessons offer an opportunity for a school-wide program. Each element of the curriculum serves to reinforce the core message of “Make a Plan. Build a Kit. Stay Informed.”

San Marcos High School Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

ORGANIZATION: SAN MARCOS CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Website: www.smcisd.net

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: San Marcos High School has incorporated a Teen CERT training program in all of its introductory public safety courses. Students not only learn the CERT curriculum, they also practice the techniques demonstrated in the CERT manual. This curriculum has elevated the importance of youth preparedness in both the school district and the community. The program has allowed students to assume leadership positions and serve as mentors to younger community members.

Summer Service Club

ORGANIZATION: VOLUNTEER HOUSTON

Website: www.volunteerhouston.org

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Volunteerism/community service

Description: The Volunteer Houston Summer Service Club is a summer program that enables students to participate in volunteer projects at numerous Houston area nonprofits. The youth friendly projects are supervised on site by Volunteer Houston staff in partnership with each nonprofit agency. Students work as a team to complete a service project in half a day or less. This experience gives students the opportunity to explore how their efforts help strengthen and support the community. Students may participate in as many projects as they desire. Projects are offered at various times, days, and locations. There is a fee associated with student participation.

Youth and Young Adult Services

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS IN ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO, AND EL PASO

Website: www.redcross.org/az/phoenix/volunteer/youth-young-adult-services

Ages: 3–22

Topics: General preparedness, medical, volunteerism/community service

Description: The American Red Cross in Arizona, New Mexico, and El Paso is dedicated to providing young people with leadership development through meaningful service opportunities in local, national, and international programs. Youth and young adults may engage with their local chapter as volunteers or through youth clubs in schools and communities. Programs are available for elementary school through college-age students.

Youth Preparedness Camp

ORGANIZATION: TEXAS SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY 

Website: www.txssc.txstate.edu/events/youth-preparedness-camp

Ages: 14–18

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, health, medical, personal growth, personal safety, resilience, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Texas School Safety Center’s Youth Preparedness Camp is designed and delivered using a youth-led, adult-assisted process. A youth-led, adult-assisted model is one where students are essentially the decision makers and the adults act in a supportive role. Participants (including their adult sponsor) receive a 20-hour Community Emergency Response Team training, develop a community action plan as a team, and acquire the leadership skills needed to address emergency preparedness in their schools and/or communities when they return home. The mission of the Center’s program is to increase emergency preparedness in Texas communities by providing youth with emergency response, action planning, and leadership skills that enhance their capacity to assist their local communities in creating a culture of preparedness.

Region VII

FEMA Region VII includes Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.
The contact information for Region VII is as follows:

9221 Ward Parkway
Suite 300
Kansas City, MO 64114-3372
Telephone: (816) 283-7061

More information can be found at www.fema.gov/region-vii.

MISSOURI

Mid America Teen Community (MATC) Emergency Response Team (CERT)

ORGANIZATION: MID AMERICA TEEN CERT

Websites: www.facebook.com/groups/MIDAMERICATEENCERT and www.linkedin.com/groups/Mid-America-TEEN-CERT-4436135

Ages: 12–adult

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: MATC is designed to teach young adults ages 12 and older, as well as adults, to be prepared to assist the community and emergency services in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. The program also teaches students to be prepared to assist their families, neighborhoods, schools, churches, and workplaces with basic response skills. Classes are facilitated by fire and police departments, emergency management agencies, and other professionals in partnership with MATC instructors to cover several key areas, such as disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, team organization, disaster psychology, and terrorism.

Region VIII

FEMA Region VIII includes Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. The contact information for Region VIII is as follows:

Denver Federal Center
Building 710, Box 25267
Denver, CO 80225-0267
Telephone: (303) 235-4800

More information can be found at www.fema.gov/region-viii.

COLORADO

Aurora Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

ORGANIZATION: AURORA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Website: www.auroragov.org/LivingHere/YouthResources/EmergencyPreparednessforYouth/index.htm

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Aurora Office of Emergency Management offers Teen CERT within the city of Aurora and can work with interested parties to identify interest and participation, set up classes, and bring in subject matter experts to instruct classes.

Safe Kids Colorado

ORGANIZATION: CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO

Website: www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-colorado

Ages: 0–19

Topics: General preparedness, health, medical, personal safety, volunteerism/community service

Description: Safe Kids Colorado is a coalition led by Children's Hospital Colorado, which provides dedicated and caring staff, operational support, and other resources to assist in keeping kids safe. This coalition is a partnership of individuals and organizations including hospitals, schools, law enforcement personnel, fire personnel, emergency medical services personnel, public health personnel, youth-serving organizations, parents and caregivers, and many others who share a common mission of preventing unintentional injuries to children. The coalition educates families and provides resources on topics like car seat safety, the dangers of carbon monoxide, and poison prevention.

UTAH

Youth Services Program

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS UTAH REGION

Website: www.redcross.org/utah/volunteer/youth-volunteers/youth-services-program

Ages: 14–18

Topics: General preparedness, medical, volunteerism/community service

Description: The American Red Cross Utah Region Youth Services Program encourages youth preparedness and promotes community service and leadership development. There are three Youth Services Groups in Utah that make up the whole Youth Services Family: Salt Lake, Provo, and Ogden. In each area, a group of youth meets monthly to learn, teach, get involved, and be part of something greater than themselves.

Region IX

FEMA Region IX includes Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia. The contact information for Region IX is as follows:

**1111 Broadway
Suite 1200
Oakland, CA 94607-4052**

More information can be found at www.fema.gov/fema-region-ix-arizona-california-hawaii-nevada-pacific-islands.

ARIZONA

Youth and Young Adult Services

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS IN ARIZONA, NEW MEXICO, AND EL PASO

Website: www.redcross.org/az/phoenix/volunteer/youth-young-adult-services

Ages: 3–22

Topics: General preparedness, medical, volunteerism/community service

Description: The American Red Cross in Arizona, New Mexico, and El Paso is dedicated to providing young people with leadership development through meaningful service opportunities in local, national, and international programs. Youth and young adults may engage with their local chapter as volunteers or through youth clubs in schools and communities. Programs are available for elementary school through college-age students.

CALIFORNIA

American Canyon Red Cross Club

ORGANIZATIONS: AMERICAN CANYON HIGH SCHOOL AND AMERICAN RED CROSS 

Website: http://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=club_detail&club_id=1042&return_jid=12785612

Ages: 13–18

Topics: General preparedness, medical, volunteerism/community service

Description: The American Canyon Red Cross Club is led by students who want to serve their community through service, education, and leadership as volunteers of the American Red Cross. Members participate in activities such as service projects and preparedness trainings. The club works with the support and guidance of the local Red Cross chapter and collaborates with other clubs to plan and execute service projects and fundraising events. The club promotes the Red Cross' humanitarian mission and CPR, first aid, and youth education programs.

Ark of Safety Youth

ORGANIZATION: BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES 

Website: www.buildingresilientcommunities.org/disaster-preparedness/ark-of-safety-youth

Ages: 12–18

Topics: General preparedness, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Ark of Safety Youth program is designed to include faith-based organizations, schools, and community centers across the state in the disaster preparedness process. An Ark of Safety program is also available for adults. Youth participants learn how to prepare themselves, their homes, and their communities for disasters. Youth members are eligible to participate in disaster education learning labs and workshops and to engage with first responders. The Ark of Safety Youth program encourages youth to become interested in volunteerism and emergency services careers, and it supports their education in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.

Boy Scouts of America Troop 9, Petaluma, California

ORGANIZATION: BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 9 

Website: www.troopwebhost.org/Troop9Petaluma

Ages: 10–18

Topics: General preparedness, personal growth, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Boy Scouts of Troop 9 in Petaluma, California, are committed to serving as emergency preparedness specialists in their community by involving and educating others on various preparedness topics. Troop 9 interacts with other troops, schools, and community groups, and regularly hosts demonstrations and provides informational handouts at community events.

California Cadet Corps

ORGANIZATION: CALIFORNIA CADET CORPS

Website: www.cadet.org

Ages: 14–20

Topics: Health, medical, personal growth

Description: The California Cadet Corps' mission is to provide California schools and students with a quality educational and leadership development program that prepares students for success in college and the workforce. The program's curriculum includes topics such as first aid, CPR, health education, physical fitness, and citizenship.

City of Anaheim Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

ORGANIZATION: CITY OF ANAHEIM

Website: www.anaheim.net/887/Community-Emergency-Response-Team-CERT

Ages: 13–19

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: The City of Anaheim provides a 20-hour CERT training program for youth. The training is tailored to meet the needs of youth while still covering the CERT curriculum. Lessons are designed to include hands-on training and team activities.

City of Costa Mesa Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

ORGANIZATION: CITY OF COSTA MESA FIRE DEPARTMENT 

Website: www.costamesaca.gov/index.aspx?page=1342

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: The City of Costa Mesa, along with its fire and police agencies, actively pursues youth preparedness initiatives, dedicated programs, and activities to support a culture of preparedness in the community. The city provides Teen CERT training at two local high schools, and school presentations and events for elementary school-age children. Costa Mesa holds CERT Family Weekend trainings and works with youth-serving organizations to encourage them to conduct preparedness events. In particular, they work with youth programs in the faith community to spread preparedness information through Ready Sunday events and other outreach.

Exploring Program

ORGANIZATION: CITY OF ONTARIO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Website: www.ontarioca.gov/fire/programs-services/fire-explorers

Ages: 15–19

Topics: Career exploration, fire safety, medical, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service, wildfires

Description: The City of Ontario Fire Department Exploring Program is geared toward young adults interested in learning about a career in the fire service. Activities range from assisting with public education events and public service assistance to fire service tours and training programs. The group also participates in competitions with other explorer posts.

Firewise in the Classroom

ORGANIZATION: LASSEN COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL, INC.

Website: www.lassenfiresafecouncil.org

Ages: 11–13

Topics: Fire safety, wildfires

Description: Wildfires are a particular risk in Lassen County, and the Firewise in the Classroom program teaches sixth-grade students about wildfire safety and preparedness. All schools in the county participate in the program, which is presented by teachers. The program is a 1-week curriculum that includes five 1-hour classroom sessions. The program provides for discussion, participation, and a small amount of homework. One of the homework assignments requires students to work with their families to develop a family disaster plan.

Long Beach Search & Rescue

ORGANIZATION: LONG BEACH SEARCH & RESCUE

Website: www.lbsar.org

Ages: 15–18

Topics: Career exploration, fire safety, general preparedness, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: Long Beach Search & Rescue is a Learning for Life Explorers Post that provides training and response opportunities for young adults. Training topics include fire suppression, search patterns, and vehicle extrication, and members provide support for events such as missing person searches and natural disasters.

Long Beach Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

ORGANIZATIONS: LONG BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT AND LONG BEACH POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL

Website: www.longbeach.gov/fire

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Long Beach Teen CERT program focuses on disaster preparedness, community service, and career exploration. The program has received recognition from the mayor and the city council of Long Beach.

Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Cadets

ORGANIZATION: LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Website: www.lapdcadets.com

Ages: 13–20

Topics: Career exploration, crime prevention, personal safety, volunteerism/community service

Description: The LAPD Cadet Program offers youth an opportunity to develop skills that will help them throughout their lives. The program is given at each of the 21 community police stations across the city, as well as at two specialized divisions—the Metropolitan Division and the Communications Division. The program allows youth to serve their community while working with law enforcement.

Los Angeles Youth Preparedness Program for Schools

ORGANIZATIONS: CITY OF LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT  AND RADIO DISNEY

Website: www.emergency.lacity.org/index.htm

Ages: 5–10

Topic: General preparedness

Description: The Los Angeles Youth Preparedness Program for Schools was launched by the City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department and Radio Disney to teach elementary school-age children about preparedness. The interactive program includes songs, dances, games, and other activities to keep the children engaged and interested. The program builds connections between the Emergency Management Department and local elementary schools and their principals.

Safety Town Santa Barbara

ORGANIZATION: SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF SANTA BARBARA

Website: www.sbsafetytown.org

Ages: 5–11

Topics: Earthquakes, fire safety, general preparedness, personal safety, water safety

Description: The Safety Town Santa Barbara program uses movies, songs, and guest speakers to train children to differentiate between “safe” and “unsafe.” Under the guidance of volunteer youth instructors and credentialed teachers, children practice and experience their lessons in Safety Town, a miniature city. Safety Town is a 17.5-hour course offered over the course of a week. Topics discussed during the week relate to pedestrian safety, earthquake safety, fire safety, bicycle safety, water safety, drug abuse, and personal and home safety. Children meet with police, firefighters, forest rangers, paramedics, and water safety professionals.

San Bernardino County Fire Office of Emergency Services (County OES)

ORGANIZATION: SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE OES 

Website: www.sbcfire.org/oes

Ages: 10–17

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: County OES is responsible for disaster planning and emergency management coordination throughout San Bernardino County. County OES promotes youth preparedness via Teen CERT programs across the county's school districts. Additionally, County OES conducts emergency preparedness trainings in English and Spanish for school groups, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America, and faith-based youth groups.

South Los Angeles Teen CERT Collaborative

ORGANIZATION: SOUTH LOS ANGELES TEEN CERT COLLABORATIVE 

Website: www.slatcc.org

Ages: 12–19

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: The South Los Angeles Teen CERT Collaborative facilitates CERT training to at-risk youth in vulnerable communities, and fosters partnerships with faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, youth-serving organizations, houses of worship, and government agencies to coordinate preparedness initiatives. The South Los Angeles Teen CERT Collaborative also partners with the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region to offer community CPR and first aid trainings to youth in high-risk communities. In communities where many youth fight the statistical odds just to survive, these efforts provide them with a vision of hope for their community while promoting harm reduction.

Team School and Family Emergency Training (SAFE-T)

ORGANIZATION: CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS

Website: www.preventionweb.net/educational/view/3426

Ages: 5–18

Topics: Earthquakes, fire safety, general preparedness, health, medical, personal growth, personal safety

Description: Team SAFE-T is an alliance of public and private organizations that joined together to increase education and awareness in response to various natural and manmade emergencies and disasters throughout California. The Team SAFE-T Partnership is dedicated to serving the citizens of California by providing a free, fully integrated health, safety, and character curriculum, along with comprehensive family support materials accessible in seven languages. Administered through California's schools, Team SAFE-T reaches students and families through an annualized standards-based curriculum as well as support materials developed to give easy-to-understand, age-appropriate instruction. The program includes lessons on school culture, anti-violence, attendance, all-hazard preparedness, character, and first aid. Team SAFE-T is the key educational component of California's disaster preparedness campaign, "Be Smart, Be Responsible, Be Prepared, Be Ready!"

West County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

ORGANIZATION: WEST COUNTY

Website: <https://westcountycacert.samariteam.com>

Ages: 13–adult

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: West County CERT is a community-oriented disaster preparedness program for residents of Buena Park, Cypress, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Seal Beach, and Westminster. The program educates youth and adults about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and about basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhoods or workplaces in situations when professional responders may not immediately be available to help.

Youth Leadership Development Program

ORGANIZATION: CHINATOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Website: www.chinatowncdc.org

Ages: 14–18

Topics: Earthquakes, general preparedness, personal growth, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Youth Leadership Development Program offered by the Chinatown Community Development Center provides youth with a variety of opportunities to get involved in community issues in San Francisco's Chinatown. These programs are primarily youth-led, so they foster both leadership and community service with seniors living in single-room occupancy (SRO) hotels. Youth volunteer to give disaster preparedness workshops and materials to hundreds of residents of SRO hotels.

GUAM

Harvest Christian Academy Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Club

ORGANIZATION: HARVEST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (HCA) 

Website: www.facebook.com/HCA-Community-Emergency-Response-Team-CERT-Club-Guam-423034994530277/?fref=ts

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: The HCA CERT Club is intended to keep HCA students, faculty members and staff, and their respective families safe before and during a disaster, and to help their respective families and neighbors after a disaster strikes. Through the development and implementation of the HCA CERT Club, students learn to make use of their talents and wisdom to better prepare HCA for emergencies and disasters, both manmade and natural.

School Children Outreach Empowerment (SCORE) Program

ORGANIZATION: GUAM DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS 

Website: www.dya.guam.gov

Ages: 8–18

Topic: Personal growth

Description: The SCORE Program is designed to divert at-risk youth from entering Guam's juvenile justice system and to divert those already in the system through additional enrichment programs. The SCORE program is available upon request.

Simon Sanchez High School Tourism Academy Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

ORGANIZATION: SIMON SANCHEZ HIGH SCHOOL TOURISM ACADEMY 

Website: www.simonsanchez.org/emergency-response-training-for-25-tourism-academy-students

Ages: 13–18

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: By participating in Teen CERT training, students at Simon Sanchez High School Tourism Academy become more prepared for disasters and emergencies. These students use their CERT training to teach others about emergency planning and preparation, including how to assemble an emergency kit and develop an emergency plan.

NEVADA

Northeast Nevada Citizen Corps/Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

ORGANIZATION: NORTHEAST NEVADA CITIZEN CORPS/CERT PROGRAM 

Website: www.nvcert.org

Ages: 13–adult

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Northeast Nevada Citizen Corps/CERT program is committed to ensuring that youth are empowered with preparedness knowledge and skills. Their outreach efforts include bringing CERT to youth audiences, giving youth and first responders opportunities to interact, working with the school district to increase school preparedness, and partnering with local groups to provide opportunities for youth to get involved.

Region X

FEMA Region X includes Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.
The contact information for Region X is as follows:

Federal Regional Center
130 - 228th Street, Southwest
Bothell, WA 98021-8627
Telephone: (425) 487-4600

More information can be found at www.fema.gov/region-x.

OREGON

Wasco County 4-H Youth Development Program

ORGANIZATION: OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE 

Website: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/wasco/fourh

Ages: 5–19

Topics: General preparedness, recovery, personal safety

Description: Wasco County 4-H is the only youth development program connected to the land grant university system and guided by research-based knowledge. Wasco County 4-H uses curricula available from the American Red Cross, Teen Community Emergency Response Team, and others when planning youth preparedness events and training. Each year, they hold an annual weekend-long leadership conference. For 2015, the theme was surviving a zombie apocalypse. Youth in grades 7–12 learned about preparedness and first aid and participated in team-building games and activities. In addition, a summer day camp taught fourth through sixth grade students about youth preparedness and first aid, with each participant taking home the beginnings of a survival pack and first aid kit.

WASHINGTON

City of Tacoma Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program

ORGANIZATION: TACOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Website: <https://tacomawacert.samariteam.com>

Ages: 13–adult

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: The City of Tacoma CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, utility safety, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

Curricula

CURRICULA BY AGE

CURRICULUM	0-3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Adult
9-1-1 for Kids		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Be a Hero				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone																	•
Hug-a-Tree and Survive					•	•	•	•	•								
Let's Learn to Prevent Disasters! Educational Kit			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							
Masters of Disaster			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather-Ready Nation™ Application								•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
NetSmartz Workshop			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness																	•
Pillowcase Project					•	•	•	•									
PREPaRE School Crisis Prevention and Intervention Training Curriculum																	•
Resilience in Children Exposed to Trauma, Disaster and War: Global Perspectives																	•
Safe Kids Worldwide Programs																	•
Safety Training for Emergency Preparedness at Schools (STEPS) in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)																	•
Sesame Street® Fire Safety Program	•	•	•														
Signs of Suicide (SOS) Prevention Program									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
StormZone									•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP)							•	•	•								
Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)										•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention																	•

CURRICULA BY TOPIC

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CURRICULA FOR CHILDREN

9-1-1 for Kids

ORGANIZATION: 9-1-1 FOR KIDS

Website: www.911forkids.com

Ages: 4–adult

Topic: General preparedness

Description: 9-1-1 for Kids is the official public education organization for law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency medical response, and 9-1-1 communication centers in the United States, Canada, and the Cayman Islands—all countries where 9-1-1 is the universal emergency response phone number. The 9-1-1 for Kids website offers information and links to training materials for public safety officials, community groups, parents, teachers, and children. Instructional materials include the Presenter’s Pack (including The Great 9-1-1 Adventure video and presenter’s guide and lesson plan), the Classroom Pack (including student activity sheets, stickers, magnets, bookmarks, student completion certificates, and classroom poster), and support teaching materials (including coloring books, emergency wallet cards, erasers, rulers, zipper pulls, goodie bags, apparel, and 9-1-1 heroes awards supplies). The 9-1-1 for Kids Local 9-1-1 Heroes program aims to bring awareness to exemplary dispatchers and 9-1-1 youth heroes. The 9-1-1 Local Heroes Medal of Honor is bestowed on a young person who distinguishes himself or herself by gallantry and intrepidity in calling 9-1-1 to help save a life or property, or to report a crime. This award is also presented to the 9-1-1 dispatcher or call taker who processed the call and dispatched the appropriate emergency response help.

Be a Hero

ORGANIZATION: FEMA 

Website: www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34411

Ages: 6–18

Topic: General preparedness

Description: The Be a Hero emergency preparedness curriculum can be used to introduce participants to disasters and their impact, teach them how to prepare themselves and their families, and know what to do if a disaster occurs. Separate curricula are available for grades 1–2, 3–5, 6–8, and 9–12.

Hug-a-Tree and Survive

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

Website: www.nasar.org/page/67/Hug-A-Tree

Ages: 7–11

Topic: Wilderness/survival skills

Description: Hug-a-Tree and Survive teaches children basic and vital survival principles and simple ways to survive in the woods if they get lost. The program includes an introduction, video presentation, and demonstrations. The program also includes handouts for parents and an activity books for kids.

Let's Learn to Prevent Disasters! Educational Kit

ORGANIZATIONS: UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

Website: www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/2114

Ages: 5–12

Topics: Conservation, general preparedness

Description: The Let's Learn to Prevent Disasters! Educational Kit includes activities, stories, and fun learning techniques to be used to introduce children to the topic of disasters. The kit includes a board game called Riskland, through which players learn about what they can do to reduce disaster impacts by answering questions and advancing along the board's winding path. The kit can be adapted to the different hazards relevant in all communities and is available in English, Spanish, German, Greek, Urdu, and Bangla.

Masters of Disaster

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS 

Website: www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/resources-for-schools#/Masters-of-Disaster

Ages: 5–14

Topics: Earthquakes, fire safety, floods, general preparedness, hurricanes, lightning, personal safety, recovery, resilience, tornadoes, wildfires

Description: The American Red Cross Masters of Disaster curriculum is centered on a series of ready-to-go lesson plans that help organizations educate youth about important disaster safety and preparedness information. Masters of Disaster contains lessons, activities, and demonstrations on disaster-related topics that organizations can incorporate into daily or thematic programming. The curriculum is non-sequential, allowing organizers to choose the lesson plans that best fit into their programming. The Masters of Disaster curriculum materials meet national educational standards and are tailored for grades K–2, 3–5, and 6–8. Lessons are interactive, ensuring that children are having fun while internalizing important life skills by building capabilities in math, language arts, social studies, and science.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather-Ready Nation™ Application

ORGANIZATIONS: NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, THE RAYTHEON COMPANY, AND UNIVERSITY CORPORATION FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH 

Website: www.meted.ucar.edu/emgmt/wxreadynation/launch.htm

Ages: 10–adult

Topics: Earthquakes, floods, general preparedness, hurricanes, personal growth, personal safety, resilience, severe weather, tornadoes, winter storms

Description: In collaboration with NOAA and hosted by the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, the Raytheon Company developed the NOAA Weather-Ready Nation™ application, designed to teach youth about various weather threats. Based on their age group and state, youth are presented with customized weather scenarios. Upon completion of the training, youth receive certificates from the Weather-Ready Nation Ambassadors program.

NetSmartz Workshop

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN (NCMEC) 

Website: www.netsmartz.org

Ages: 5–17

Topics: Crime prevention, personal safety

Description: The NetSmartz Workshop is an interactive, educational program of NCMEC that provides age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer online and offline. The program is designed for children, parents and guardians, educators, and law enforcement professionals. With resources such as videos, games, activity cards, and presentations, NetSmartz entertains while it educates.

Pillowcase Project

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS 

Website: www.redcross.org/prepare/location/school/preparedness-education/the-pillowcase-project

Ages: 8–11

Topics: Disaster psychology, earthquakes, fire safety, floods, general preparedness, hurricanes, lightning, resilience, severe weather, tornadoes, wildfires

Description: The Pillowcase Project is a 60-minute program for schools and after-school programs. It introduces children to the importance of emergency preparedness and includes discussion of both general and local hazards, including the science behind them. The project uses physical activity and small-group learning in addition to instruction.

Sesame Street® Fire Safety Program

ORGANIZATIONS: U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION AND SESAME WORKSHOP

Website: www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/ss_safety_program.html

Ages: 3–5

Topic: Fire safety

Description: The Sesame Street Fire Safety Program is a fire safety curriculum for preschoolers designed in collaboration with the U.S. Fire Administration and Sesame Workshop. The curriculum, which is available in English and Spanish, includes an activity book for teachers, a CD of songs and stories, a coloring book, and a poster. Members of fire departments, school faculty members, and daycare providers are eligible to order hard copies. Free digital copies are available to the general public online.

Signs of Suicide (SOS) Prevention Program

ORGANIZATION: SCREENING FOR MENTAL HEALTH, INC.

Website: www.mentalhealthscreening.org

Ages: 11–19

Topic: Health

Description: The SOS Prevention Program teaches middle and high school-age students to identify the symptoms of depression and suicidality in themselves or their friends, and encourages help-seeking through the use of the ACT technique (Acknowledge, Care, Tell). The program also offers a validated questionnaire to determine a student's risk level for depression and suicide and includes two gatekeeper training tools for school staff, parents, and community members. The SOS Program encourages schools to establish emergency guidelines in preparation for implementation.

StormZone

ORGANIZATION: STORMZONE

Website: www.stormzone.us

Ages: 11–18

Topics: Earthquakes, extreme heat, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, volunteerism/community service, wildfires, winter storms

Description: StormZone is a free online, school-based multidisciplinary science and social studies program that teaches students about the science of severe natural hazards, including hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, severe winter storms, extreme heat, wildfires, and earthquakes. Students also learn how emergency management agencies work with federal, state, and local governments to prepare for and recover from such disasters. Within this framework is an interactive exercise where students form their own government and plan for and recover from a major weather event or earthquake. Finally, students are provided with safety and preparedness information, including a disaster survival kit and family communication plan to take home to their families, as well as information regarding volunteerism provided by the American Red Cross. Users can access free materials by visiting the website.

Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP)

ORGANIZATION: FEMA 

Website: www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/110946

Ages: 9–11

Topics: Earthquakes, fire safety, general preparedness, severe weather

Description: STEP is a free program designed to teach fourth and fifth grade students what to do in emergency situations, how to create disaster supply kits, and how to develop family emergency communication plans. Teachers are asked to dedicate 1 hour of class time to the base lesson, and the program offers more than 10 hours of optional lessons to reinforce the base lesson. Participating schools receive ready-to-teach lesson materials, including the curriculum, DVD, and copies of student handouts. Students may also receive starter kit backpacks. Students at participating schools have displayed confidence and knowledge in responding to disasters, and they have enjoyed taking leadership roles.

Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

ORGANIZATION: FEMA 

Website: www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams/teen-community-emergency-response-team

Ages: 12–18

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, general preparedness, medical, personal safety, recovery, search and rescue, volunteerism/community service

Description: Teen CERT, which is based off of the CERT program for adults, provides basic emergency response training to students. The program is typically implemented in high schools or as an extracurricular activity. The program gives students emergency and leadership skills, creating an emergency response asset for schools, an avenue to deliver the preparedness message to teens' families and parents, and a culture of preparedness among tomorrow's community leaders. It also promotes connections to local sponsoring agencies, including the fire department, law enforcement, and emergency management.

CURRICULA FOR ADULTS

Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone

ORGANIZATION: FEMA 

Website: www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is909.asp

Ages: Adults

Topic: General preparedness

Description: Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone is an interactive web-based training that teaches participants the steps for planning and conducting a community-based preparedness program and helps them identify necessary resources. The training is intended for the whole community, including emergency management personnel and representatives of faith-based and nonprofit organizations. The training includes handouts and activities that can be used as part of a program.

Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness

ORGANIZATION: TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE (TEEX)

Website: www.teex.org/Pages/Class.aspx?course=MGT439&courseTitle=Pediatric+Disaster+Response+and+Emergency+Preparedness

Ages: Adults

Topics: Disaster psychology, general preparedness, personal growth, recovery, resilience

Description: The 16-hour Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness program is provided throughout the United States and territories at no cost. Through case studies and small group exercises, students discuss concepts and share ideas about pediatric disaster preparedness. Students assess their community's preparedness and identify weaknesses or gaps, which they can discuss and address locally.

PREPaRE School Crisis Prevention and Intervention Training Curriculum

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS 

Website: www.nasponline.org/prepare

Ages: Adults

Topics: Disaster psychology, general preparedness, health, recovery, resilience

Description: The PREPaRE School Crisis Prevention and Intervention Training curriculum provides school personnel with comprehensive training on how to establish and serve on school safety and crisis teams. The curriculum integrates the roles of existing school staff, emergency responders, and community providers in terms of the five mission phases of crisis management: prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery, and engages schools in ongoing school safety and crisis preparedness efforts that ensure both physical and psychological safety. The PREPaRE model emphasizes the following hierarchical and sequential set of activities: (P) Prevent and prepare for psychological trauma; (R) Reaffirm physical health and perceptions of security and safety; (E) Evaluate psychological trauma risk; (P) Provide interventions; (a) and; (R) Respond to psychological needs; and (E) Examine the effectiveness of crisis prevention and intervention efforts.

Resilience in Children Exposed to Trauma, Disaster and War: Global Perspectives

ORGANIZATION: UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Website: www.coursera.org/course/resilienceinchildren

Ages: Adults

Topics: Career exploration, disaster psychology, general preparedness, personal growth, resilience, severe weather

Description: This online course offered by the University of Minnesota discusses how children overcome the psychological effects of natural disasters and man-made hazards. It also helps students learn about the importance of fostering resilience in at-risk children and protecting them as best possible from different forms of adversity.

Safe Kids Worldwide Programs

ORGANIZATION: SAFE KIDS WORLDWIDE

Website: www.safekids.org/programs

Ages: Adults

Topics: Fire safety, general preparedness

Description: Safe Kids Worldwide offers a variety of courses to adults to help keep children safe from potential hazards. These courses include Button Battery Safety, Fire Safety, Car Safety, Home Safety, The National Child Passenger Certification Training, and more. The safety programs combine education, awareness, environmental changes, and safety device distribution to keep kids protected from injury and injury-related death.

Safety Training for Emergency Preparedness at Schools (STEPS) in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)

ORGANIZATION: LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Website: <http://achieve.lausd.net/steps>

Ages: Adults

Topics: Crime prevention, disaster psychology, earthquakes, fire safety, general preparedness, health, recovery, resilience, severe weather, wildfires

Description: The STEPS website offers a series of short online courses that are designed to prepare LAUSD employees for emergency situations at school or other work locations. These courses are offered for multiple audiences including teachers, administrators, school police officers, and general employees. A certificate is issued to employees who complete the entire series of courses. In addition, the LAUSD website provides multiple tools that can help teachers implement youth preparedness activities, including posters and videos.

Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention

ORGANIZATION: U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION

Website: www.apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10435

Ages: Adults

Topics: Fire safety, resilience

Description: This 6-day course from the U.S. Fire Administration provides participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify children and adolescents involved in firesetting. The course focuses on how identification, intake, screening, disposition, and follow-up are used to mitigate youth firesetting behavior. It also empowers participants with knowledge on how to develop, implement, and evaluate a youth firesetting prevention and intervention program. Participants visit a local residential treatment program for youth to gain further insight into firesetting.

Resources and Activities

RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES BY AGE

RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES	0-3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Adult
5 Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness												•	•	•	•	•	•
American Red Cross College Resources																•	•
Build a Kit			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•						
Building Resilience With Hunter and Eve			•	•	•	•	•	•									
Children & Disasters Bulletin																	•
Children & Disasters Newsletter											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Coping Strategies																	•
CPR in Schools™			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Danger Rangers	•	•	•														
The Day the Earth Shook			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Disaster and Community Crisis Center (DCC)																	•
Disaster Distress Helpline and Counseling Services	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Disaster Hero					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					
Disaster Master			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•						
Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book		•	•	•	•												
Disaster Response and Relief											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Disaster Services Update																	•
Easy as ABC: Steps to Protect Your Child During Emergencies in the School Day																	•
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Student Resources			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Family Reunification and Support																	•
Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH®)			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Firefacts.org			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							
Get Ready	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Great ShakeOut	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Here for Each Other: Helping Families After Emergencies	•	•	•														
The Hungrier Games: Disaster Resilience Skills for Youth											•	•	•	•	•	•	
International Tsunami Information Center	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Kids Get a Plan				•	•	•	•	•	•								

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Mickey and Friends™ Disaster Preparedness Activity Book			•	•	•	•	•	•									
Monster Guard					•	•	•	•	•								
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): Various Resources			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Preparedness 101: Zombie Apocalypse	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Prep-Party: A Preparedness Game						•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS): Technical Assistance (TA) Center																	•
Ready Kids						•	•	•	•	•							
Ready New York: Kids			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ready, Set, Go Youth Guide Coloring Booklet			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							
Ready...Set...Prepare: A Disaster Preparedness Activity Book		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•								
Ready Wrigley			•	•	•	•	•	•	•								
The Rescue League Academy: Sink or Swim!	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Resilient Children/Resilient Communities Initiative	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Scrub Club	•	•	•	•	•	•											
Sparky			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							•
Sprinkler Smarts			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE)																	•
We Stand Strong: A Disaster Preparedness Toolkit											•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Young Meteorologist Program			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							
YouthWire																•	•
Zombie Apocalypse Party						•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES BY TOPIC

RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES	Conservation	Disaster psychology	Earthquakes	Extreme heat	Fire safety	Floods	General preparedness	Health	Hurricanes	Medical	Lightning	Personal safety	Recovery	Resilience	Severe weather	Thunderstorms	Tornadoes	Tsunamis	Volunteerism/community service	Wilderness/survival skills	Wildfires	Winter storms
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Get Ready								•														
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RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES BY TYPE OF ACTIVITY

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5 Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness		•		•	•						•	
American Red Cross College Resources				•							•	
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Building Resilience With Hunter and Eve	•				•						•	•
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Zombie Apocalypse Party				•					•			

5 Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness

AUTHOR: CITY OF LOS ANGELES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT 

Website: www.5steps.la

Ages: 14–adult

Materials: Community engagement, in-person activities, lesson plans, worksheets

Topics: General preparedness, health, medical, personal safety, volunteerism/community service

Description: The Los Angeles Emergency Management Department developed 5 Steps to Neighborhood Preparedness to help families be more resilient and prepare with their neighbors for disasters. The program includes meeting materials such as a reminder flyer and facilitator guide, neighbor survey, and training DVD.

American Red Cross College Resources

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS 

Website: www.redcrossyouth.org/college/college-resources

Ages: 18–22

Materials: In-person activities, worksheets

Topics: General preparedness, health

Description: The American Red Cross College Resources webpage provides information for college-age students to help them and their friends prevent and prepare for disasters that could strike while they are away from home. The website offers toolkits to help students start a Red Cross Club, including activities, presentations, and handouts.

Build a Kit

ORGANIZATION: FEMA 

Websites: ready.gov/kids/games/data/bak-english/index.html and ready.gov/kids/games/data/bak-spanish/index.html

Ages: 5–13

Material: Game

Topics: General preparedness, personal safety, recovery, resilience

Description: In this interactive game, youth go through different locations in their home and community with Gayle and her friends to find what they need for an emergency kit. Children have fun and build a checklist along the way.

Building Resilience With Hunter and Eve

ORGANIZATION: UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI DISASTER AND COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER 

Website: <http://dcc.missouri.edu/hunter-eve.shtml>

Ages: 5–10

Materials: Coloring book, lesson plans, videos, worksheets

Topics: Disaster psychology, fire safety, floods, general preparedness, personal safety, resilience

Description: Join woodland creatures Hunter the fox and Eve the owl in their forest adventures as they learn steps to stay safe, keep calm, and solve problems. Hunter and Eve provide a series of videos with corresponding worksheets and lesson plans to teach youth how to prepare and not be scared before disasters occur in their community.

Children & Disasters Bulletin

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL CENTER FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (NCDP) AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Website: www.ncdp.columbia.edu/library/children-and-disasters-news-tools-science

Ages: Adults

Material: Newsletter

Topic: Disaster psychology

Description: NCDP carries out research and develops resources to help the Nation prepare for, respond to, and recover from large-scale disasters. Each month, NCDP publishes a Children & Disasters Bulletin. The bulletin highlights news, tools, and best practices in children's disaster preparedness, response, and recovery for clinicians, public health practitioners, emergency managers, researchers, and educators.

Children & Disasters Newsletter

ORGANIZATION: FEMA 

Website: www.fema.gov/media-library/resources-documents/collections/475

Ages: 13–adults

Material: Newsletter

Topic: General preparedness

Description: Published monthly, FEMA's Children & Disasters Newsletter covers important topics in youth preparedness. The newsletter features stories from the field about youth-focused organizations, resources available on youth preparedness, activities of the FEMA Youth Preparedness Council members, and announcements relevant to youth preparedness, such as contests and webinars.

Children and Disasters Newsletter

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS (AAP) 

Website: www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/Children-and-Disasters/Pages/default.aspx

Ages: Adults

Material: Newsletter

Topics: Disaster psychology, general preparedness, health

Description: The AAP Children and Disasters Newsletter provides updates on AAP's disaster preparedness objectives, training opportunities, and key resources. The newsletter also provides information on how pediatricians can better assist children with recovering from disasters.

Coping Strategies

ORGANIZATION: ZERO TO THREE: NATIONAL CENTER FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND FAMILIES

Website: www.zerotothree.org/cope-after-exposure-to-a-traumatic.html

Ages: Adults

Materials: In-person activities, lesson plans, worksheets

Topics: Disaster psychology, general preparedness

Description: The nonprofit organization ZERO TO THREE provides families and caregivers with information to help young children cope after exposure to a traumatic event, such as a disaster. Resources include how to identify and address signs of trauma in children.

CPR in Schools™

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Website: www.heart.org/cprinschools

Ages: 5–18

Materials: In-person activities, lesson plans

Topics: Medical, personal safety

Description: The American Heart Association's CPR in Schools Training Kit is an all-in-one educational program that comes with a curriculum and 10 manikins. The kit empowers students to learn the core skills of CPR in under 30 minutes, and it teaches automated external defibrillator skills and choking relief. The kit is portable, allowing for convenient movement from classroom to classroom and easy storage. It is also reusable, and with one kit, educators can train hundreds of students.

Danger Rangers

ORGANIZATION: MIGHTY KIDS MEDIA

Website: www.dangerrangers.com

Ages: 3–5

Materials: Coloring books, games, in-person activities, lesson plans, videos, worksheets

Topics: Fire safety, general preparedness, health, medical, personal safety

Description: Danger Rangers entertains, educates, and empowers children with potentially life-saving problem solving skills, helping them to avoid their most common safety risks and know how to reduce these risks. Danger Rangers combines educational safety messaging with positive character role models, action-adventure storylines, comedy, and music. In addition to puzzles, games, and worksheets, the website provides recipes children can make with their parents, as well as discussion guides and resources for educators.

The Day the Earth Shook

ORGANIZATION: ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Website: <http://public.iema.state.il.us/webdocs/earthquakegame/Welcome.html>

Ages: 5–14

Material: Game

Topic: Earthquakes

Description: The Day the Earth Shook video game is one of the ongoing efforts from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to spread disaster preparedness messages to youth in the state. The game uses an earthquake scenario to demonstrate the need for a disaster supply kit as well as identify safe locations in a building during an earthquake.

Disaster and Community Crisis Center (DCC)

ORGANIZATION: UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI 

Website: <http://tdc.missouri.edu>

Ages: Adults

Materials: In-person activities, lesson plans, videos, worksheets

Topics: Disaster psychology, general preparedness, resilience

Description: DCC focuses on enhancing mental and behavioral health preparedness, recovery, and resilience in children, families, and communities affected by disaster and community crisis. DCC provides national expertise and resources for intervention, training, consultation, and technical assistance related to disasters and community crises, and promotes public awareness of disaster mental and behavioral health. DCC's Resilience and Coping Intervention group discussion guide is designed to assist practitioners in talking with children and adolescents about their thoughts and feelings regarding stressful events such as disasters. Participants work in groups to identify strategies for effectively coping with disasters. Additionally, DCC's Helping Youth Cope with Media Coverage of Disasters fact sheets provide overviews of how media coverage of a disaster may affect youth. The material includes suggested strategies for parents and teachers to address such effects. Resources are available in both PDF and video form.

Disaster Distress Helpline and Counseling Services

ORGANIZATION: SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)

Website: www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline

Ages: All ages

Material: Live counseling

Topics: Disaster psychology, health, recovery

Description: The Disaster Distress Helpline is a national hotline dedicated to providing year-round immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster. Staff members provide counseling and support for disasters and refer people to local disaster-related resources for follow-up care and support. Since its launch in February 2012, the Disaster Distress Helpline has provided counseling and support in response to disasters such as Hurricane Sandy, the Boston Marathon bombing, and the Ebola outbreak.

Disaster Hero

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

Website: www.disasterhero.com

Ages: 7–14

Material: Game

Topics: Earthquakes, floods, general preparedness, health, hurricanes, tornadoes

Description: Disaster Hero is a free online game designed to teach children, parents, teachers, and caregivers how to prepare for disasters. The overall goals are to ensure that players know what to do before, during, and after a disaster. The game involves parents and teachers so that the family and school are familiar with the main concepts of disaster preparedness, including making a plan, getting a kit, and being informed.

Disaster Master

ORGANIZATION: FEMA 

Websites: ready.gov/kids/games/data/dm-english/index.html and ready.gov/kids/games/data/dm-spanish/index.html

Ages: 5–13

Material: Game

Topics: Earthquakes, extreme heat, fire safety, general preparedness, hurricanes, resilience, thunderstorms, tornadoes, tsunamis, wildfires, winter storms

Description: In Disaster Master, youth step into the heart of the action as they help the Heroes face everything from home fires to earthquakes. Children earn points to get to the next level when they make the right choice. Winners get their own graphic novel!

Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS  AND FEMA 

Website: www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1640

Ages: 4–7

Materials: Coloring book, worksheets

Topics: Earthquakes, fire safety, floods, general preparedness, hurricanes, thunderstorms, tornadoes, winter storms

Description: The Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book helps children and their parents work together to learn about natural disasters, family communication plans, and emergency kits. The coloring book allows children to work with their families or teachers to learn about staying safe in a fire, earthquake, flood, tornado, or other disaster.

Disaster Response and Relief

ORGANIZATION: DOSOMETHING.ORG

Website: www.dosomething.org/cause/disasters

Ages: 13–25

Materials: Community engagement, in-person activities

Topics: Conservation, general preparedness, health, personal safety, volunteerism/community service

Description: By using the web, television, mobile technology, and pop culture, DoSomething.org aims to inspire, empower, and celebrate a generation of teenagers who recognize the need to do something, believe in their ability to get it done, and then take action. The website provides information on recent disasters, facts on disaster response and relief, and tips on how to take action with their families and communities to become more prepared for disasters. The organization also sends text alerts to inform teens about how they can take action in response to a recent disaster.

Disaster Services Update

ORGANIZATION: CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS) 

Website: www.nationalservice.gov/focus-areas/disaster-services

Ages: Adults

Material: Newsletter

Topic: General preparedness

Description: The Disaster Services Update is a weekly digital newsletter published by the CNCS Disaster Services Unit (DSU). DSU works with AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs nationwide, and the newsletter highlights the work that they do.

Easy as ABC: Steps to Protect Your Child During Emergencies in the School Day

ORGANIZATION: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)

Websites: www.cdc.gov/childrenindisasters/infographics/documents/easy_as_abc_iinfographic.pdf and www.cdc.gov/childrenindisasters/index.html

Ages: Adults

Material: Worksheets

Topics: General preparedness, resilience, severe weather

Description: To help parents ensure that their children are ready for disasters, CDC developed a checklist to guide them through three important safety steps. These steps ask essential questions and provide a space for families to save their responses. Families determine where to meet following an evacuation and what medications and supplies will be needed, and children complete an emergency contacts card to store in their backpacks.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Student Resources

ORGANIZATION: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Websites: www.epa.gov/students and www.epa.gov/education

Ages: 5–18

Materials: Games, in-person activities, lesson plans

Topics: Conservation, health

Description: EPA offers a variety of resources for children and youth, as well as parents and teachers. The Planet Protector Club, for ages 5–11, teaches younger children about their environment and focuses on topics such as garbage and climate change. The Make a Difference campaign for middle school students helps students make informed decisions for protecting the environment in their day-to-day lives, such as by recycling. The website also offers information on community service and science fair projects and homework help.

Family Reunification and Support

ORGANIZATION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Website: www.asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/64/Family-Reunification-and-Support/64

Ages: Adults

Material: Community engagement

Topics: Disaster psychology, general preparedness, health, medical, personal safety, recovery

Description: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response compiled a list of resources on family reunification following disasters. The list includes guidance documents, case studies, templates, and pediatric and family resources on developing a family communication plan.

Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH®)

ORGANIZATION: FEDERAL ALLIANCE FOR SAFE HOMES 

Websites: www.flash.org, www.stormstruck.org, and www.flash.org/lasthousestanding

Ages: 5–adults

Materials: Games, in-person activities

Topics: Floods, general preparedness, hurricanes, personal safety, resilience, tornadoes, winter storms

Description: The nonprofit FLASH is the country's leading consumer advocate for strengthening homes and safeguarding families from natural and manmade disasters. FLASH has developed an activity book that includes youth-specific activities and worksheets. FLASH sponsors StormStruck: The Tale of Two Homes, an interactive weather experience that is part of Walt Disney World. The StormStruck website features a variety of disaster preparedness safety games and interactive activities. FLASH also created The Last House Standing, an app that provides a fun way to teach kids that how and where you build is the most fundamental element of disaster survival for families and homes. By playing Last House Standing, kids learn that surviving these disasters can be done.

Firefacts.org

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION COUNCIL

Website: www.firefacts.org

Ages: 5–12

Materials: Coloring books, games, puzzles, worksheets

Topic: Fire safety

Description: Firefacts.org is a family of interactive websites that teaches fire safety to children and offers resources to parents and teachers to promote fire safety. The family of websites includes Firesafekids.org, which features educational games and activities for kids.

Get Ready

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Website: www.getreadyforflu.org

Ages: All ages

Materials: Games, in-person activities, worksheets

Topic: Health

Description: The Get Ready campaign, which was launched in 2006, helps Americans to prepare themselves, their families, and their communities for all hazards and disasters including pandemic flu, infectious disease, and natural disasters. The website provides free print, video, and audio materials that can be downloaded, including a brochure, fact sheets, posters, podcasts, games, and coloring sheets. In addition, the website has a special area just for children where they can find games and child friendly reading materials.

Great ShakeOut

ORGANIZATION: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 

Website: www.shakeout.org

Ages: All ages

Material: In-person activity

Topic: Earthquakes

Description: The Great ShakeOut website provides information for individuals, businesses, schools, faith-based organizations, community groups, government agencies, and others to participate in the Great ShakeOut, get prepared for earthquakes, and share what they are doing with others. Resources include a drill manual, preparedness guide for individuals with access or functional needs, drill broadcast recordings, posters, flyers, and web banners.

Here for Each Other: Helping Families After Emergencies

ORGANIZATION: SESAME WORKSHOP®

Website: www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/emergencies

Ages: 3–5

Materials: Coloring pages, games, in-person activities, worksheets

Topics: General preparedness, recovery, resilience

Description: Sesame Street developed Here for Each Other: Helping Families After Emergencies, a bilingual initiative (English and Spanish) that provides resources to help adults and children cope with disasters. Here for Each Other provides materials including videos and guides for children, families, and community leaders (e.g., first responders, teachers). These materials are intended to help children feel secure and help parents create a comforting environment for their children in the wake of a disaster. Sample exercises include a drawing activity, memory game, and prompts for identifying feelings. The materials also include tips and strategies for parents, caregivers, and providers.

The Hungrier Games: Disaster Resilience Skills for Youth

ORGANIZATION: RAND CORPORATION

Website: www.rand.org/pubs/tools/TL164.html

Ages: 13–18

Materials: Games, in-person activities, lesson plans, worksheets

Topics: General preparedness, recovery, resilience

Description: This 39-page e-book for high school youth presents important talking points and a scavenger hunt game that can be applied to lessons on emergency preparedness. The activities outlined in the guide can be scaled to any size group based on the amount of time available.

International Tsunami Information Center

ORGANIZATION: INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION

Website: <http://itic.ioc-unesco.org/index.php>

Ages: All ages

Materials: Stories, worksheets

Topic: Tsunamis

Description: The International Tsunami Information Center's website includes a variety of resources such as a tsunami basics brochure, a glossary, awareness posters, and classroom materials. Resources are available in multiple languages.

Kids Get a Plan

ORGANIZATION: FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Website: www.kidsgetaplan.com

Ages: 6–11

Materials: Coloring pages, games, stories

Topics: Hurricanes, thunderstorms, tornadoes, wildfires

Description: Kids Get a Plan is an interactive website featuring stories, coloring pages, and activities. The website also offers accompanying guides for teachers and parents.

Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies

ORGANIZATION: SESAME WORKSHOP

Website: www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/ready

Ages: 4–5

Materials: Games, in-person activities, worksheets

Topic: General preparedness

Description: Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies was developed by Sesame Workshop in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security's Ready Kids initiative and the Ad Council. Let's Get Ready! provides multimedia resources in English and Spanish, including videos, guides for parents and caregivers, and activity books for kids. The goal of the program is to help families prepare for emergencies and offer ways for young children to contribute to an emergency readiness plan.

Mickey and Friends™ Disaster Preparedness Activity Book

ORGANIZATION: DISNEY™ AND AMERICAN RED CROSS 

Websites: <http://public-static.disneystorycentral.com/ddb/redcross/9781423198451/index.html> and <http://public-static.disneystorycentral.com/ddb/redcross/9781484724811/index.html>

Ages: 5–10

Topics: Earthquakes, fire safety, floods, general preparedness, hurricanes, personal safety, thunderstorms, tornadoes, winter storms

Materials: Coloring book, games, puzzles, worksheets

Description: Disney and the American Red Cross teamed up to help children prepare for disasters with an activity book full of coloring pages, helpful tips, games, puzzles, and worksheets. The activity books help youth learn how their families can prepare for disasters by making a disaster supply kit, developing a floor plan of their home, and learning how to drop, cover, and hold on.

Monster Guard

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS 

Website: www.redcross.org/monsterguard

Ages: 7–11

Material: Game

Topics: General preparedness, personal safety, resilience

Description: Monster Guard is the first mobile app created by the American Red Cross that's designed specifically for kids. Follow Maya, Chad, Olivia, and all the monsters as they teach kids how to prepare for real-life emergencies in a fun and engaging game. Sponsored by Disney, this free app is available to download on iOS and Android mobile and tablet devices.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): Various Resources

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION 

Websites: www.education.noaa.gov/?full, <http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/education/yos/activities/activities.html>, www.oceanservice.noaa.gov/education.html, and www.games.noaa.gov

Ages: 5–adult

Materials: Coloring books, games, in-person activities, lesson plans

Topics: Conservation, general preparedness

Description: NOAA offers a variety of online games and activities, coloring books, puzzles, and materials for teachers and students to understand facts about the planet and our weather. The materials are designed for two age groups, grades K–5 and 6–12. NOAA also offers information for youth and educators on topics such as tsunamis, oil spills, and hurricanes. The resources include lessons and activities that cover safety and preparedness.

Preparedness 101: Zombie Apocalypse

ORGANIZATION: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)

Website: www.emergency.cdc.gov/socialmedia/zombies.asp

Ages: All ages

Materials: In-person activities, story

Topics: Fire safety, general preparedness, health, medical

Description: This website from CDC offers a zombie novella and web buttons and badges to encourage people of all ages to prepare for a zombie apocalypse. In reality, the preparedness tips for this unlikely scenario can be applied to more common scenarios such as natural disasters. Preparedness tips include key items to include in an emergency kit and how to create a family emergency plan. This resource also includes links to other CDC emergency preparedness pages, RSS feeds, and emergency warning widgets for users to add to their own websites.

Prep-Parady: A Preparedness Game

ORGANIZATION: FEMA REGION III

Website: www.jeopardylabs.com/play/prep-parady-a-preparedness-game

Ages: 8–adult

Material: Game

Topic: General preparedness

Description: Up to 12 teams can compete in this preparedness-related trivia game that covers topics including preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery, and types of natural disasters.

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS): Technical Assistance (TA) Center

ORGANIZATION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 

Website: www.rems.ed.gov

Ages: Adults

Topics: General preparedness, resilience

Description: The REMS TA Center's primary goal is to support schools, school districts, and institutions of higher education in school emergency management, including the development and implementation of comprehensive all-hazards emergency management plans. In addition, the TA Center responds to direct requests for TA and training.

Ready Kids

ORGANIZATION: FEMA 

Website: ready.gov/kids

Ages: 8–12

Materials: Games, lesson plans, worksheets

Topic: General preparedness

Description: Ready Kids features disaster-related information, games, and activities to help children be informed, make a plan, and build a kit. Additionally, the website offers tools to help parents and teachers educate children about emergencies and how they can help get their families prepared.

Ready New York: Kids

ORGANIZATION: NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 

Website: www1.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/kids.page

Ages: 5–18

Materials: Games, lesson plans, worksheets

Topics: Fire safety, general preparedness, volunteerism/community service

Description: NYC Emergency Management offers a variety of resources and activities to teach youth about preparedness. These resources and activities include a coloring book, crossword puzzle, word search, memory game, and tip lists for parents and guardians. Ready New York's Choose Your Own Path to Preparedness materials include storybooks for young readers and a variety of resources for parents and teachers. The Let's Get Ready, New York! guide provides additional resources for parents and families. NYC Emergency Management also teamed up with campers at the Police Athletic League Beacon Summer Camp at the Goldie Maple Academy in the Rockaways to create two cartoons about emergency preparedness.

Ready, Set, Go Youth Guide Coloring Booklet

ORGANIZATION: THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

Website: www.wildlandfirersg.org/Portals/18/Resources/Resources/Youth%20Material,%20HR%20FINAL.pdf

Ages: 5–12

Materials: Coloring book, games, lesson plans, worksheets

Topics: Fire safety, general preparedness

Description: The Ready, Set, Go campaign provides a youth guide coloring booklet that includes activities to engage children in youth preparedness. The tool is used to get children to talk with their parents about developing a family communication plan and emergency kit. The booklet also gets kids aware of what their families need to do to create defensible space to mitigate fires around their homes.

Ready...Set...Prepare: A Disaster Preparedness Activity Book

ORGANIZATIONS: AMERICAN RED CROSS  AND FEMA 

Website: <https://bookstore.gpo.gov/products/sku/064-000-00057-8>

Ages: 4–11

Materials: Worksheets

Topics: Earthquakes, fire safety, floods, general preparedness, hurricanes, thunderstorms, tornadoes, winter storms

Description: Ready... Set... Prepare: A Disaster Preparedness Activity Book is intended to encourage children and their families to work together to prepare for disasters through activities and games. The books have age-appropriate characters that teach children emergency-related vocabulary, how to prepare for a disaster, how to make a disaster supply kit, and how to prevent fires.

Ready Wrigley

ORGANIZATION: CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)

Website: www.cdc.gov/phpr/readywrigley

Ages: 5–11

Materials: Worksheets

Topics: Earthquakes, general preparedness, hurricanes, winter storms

Description: The Ready Wrigley website provides parents, guardians, teachers, and young children with tips, activities, and a story to help the whole family prepare for emergencies. Wrigley the dog helps her family prepare by staying informed, packing emergency kits, and making a family communication plan. The Ready Wrigley activity books focus on hurricanes, earthquakes, and winter storms.

The Rescue League Academy: Sink or Swim!

ORGANIZATION: CITY OF ARLINGTON, TX

Website: www.arlington-tx.gov/stormwater/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2014/10/Sink-Or-Swim-Flood-Novella.pdf

Ages: All ages

Material: Story

Topic: Floods

Description: The Rescue League Academy is a graphic novella that promotes flood safety. It educates readers about how to prepare for and respond to a flood. The story follows Blue Scout, a superhero from 2077, who is sent back in time to save several unprepared families from a flash flood.

Resilient Children/Resilient Communities Initiative

ORGANIZATIONS: NATIONAL CENTER FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS (NCDP), GLAXOSMITHKLINE (GSK), AND SAVE THE CHILDREN 

Website: www.ncdp.columbia.edu/microsite-page/resilient-children-resilient-communities/rcrc-preparedness-tools

Ages: 1–18

Materials: Community engagement, lesson plans, worksheets

Topics: Disaster psychology, general preparedness, health, personal safety, recovery, resilience

Description: NCDP has formed a partnership with GSK and Save the Children to develop a model for child-focused disaster planning for communities, with a strong emphasis on building long-term resilience. The goal is to create a set of tools, guidance, and best practices that can be used by communities and child-serving institutions to prioritize the needs of children during disasters.

Scrub Club

ORGANIZATION: NSF INTERNATIONAL

Website: www.scrubclub.org

Ages: 3–8

Materials: Games, in-person activities

Topic: Health

Description: Scrub Club, a fun, interactive, and educational website, which is part of American Red Cross educational outreach, raises awareness about the benefits of proper hand washing to fight germs and prevent illness. The site includes games, music, and activities for children as well as educational materials for teachers and parents. Scrub Club's Soaper-Heroes are also part of the Cleanest Classroom Contest, where students track the daily number of times each student washes their hands over 4 weeks.

Sparky

ORGANIZATION: NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Website: www.sparky.org

Ages: 5–12 and adults

Materials: Games, stories, worksheets

Topic: Fire safety

Description: The Sparky.org website features games, fire safety information, cartoons, coloring pages, videos, mobile apps, e-cards, and an interactive look at the types and parts of fire trucks. The site also teaches kids how to create and use family escape plans and home safety checklists. There is a parent-focused page as well.

Sprinkler Smarts

ORGANIZATION: HOME FIRE SPRINKLER COALITION

Website: www.sprinklersmarts.org

Ages: 5–15

Materials: Games, lesson plans, worksheets

Topic: Fire safety

Description: Sprinkler Smarts is a website that teaches kids how fire sprinklers and smoke alarms help keep families safe. Sprinkler Smarts has separate sites for kids in grades K–5 and 6–8. The site offers games that test kids' knowledge, and includes other resources for teachers, parents, and fire departments.

Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE)

ORGANIZATION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Website: www.asprtracie.hhs.gov

Ages: Adults

Materials: Live counseling, newsletter, technical resources

Topics: Disaster psychology, general preparedness, health, recovery

Description: TRACIE was created for regional ASPR staff and public health emergency preparedness professionals. The newsletter provides information and technical assistance on topics such as preparing youth for disasters.

We Stand Strong: A Disaster Preparedness Toolkit

ORGANIZATIONS: YOUTH SERVICE AMERICA , CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (CNCS) , AND SAVE THE CHILDREN 

Website: www.ysa.org/westandstrongtoolkit

Ages: 13–Adults

Materials: Community engagement, in-person activities, lesson plans, worksheets

Topics: Disaster psychology, general preparedness, resilience

Description: Youth Service America partnered with CNCS and Save the Children to release We Stand Strong: A Disaster Preparedness Toolkit, a resource for planning a Prep Rally or other preparedness project. A Prep Rally is an event for children in grades K–5 that covers the basics of disaster preparedness, including things like recognizing risks, planning ahead, and gathering supplies.

Young Meteorologist Program

ORGANIZATION: PLAN!T NOW 

Website: www.youngmeteorologist.org

Ages: 5–12

Material: Game

Topics: Floods, hurricanes, lightning, severe weather, tornadoes, winter storms

Description: The Young Meteorologist program teaches youth about severe weather science and safety through an interactive game. The game shows kids what they need to do to prepare themselves and help their families when a real storm comes. The website also includes cartoon graphics, an opportunity for kids to share their stories, and information for parents and educators.

YouthWire

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS 

Website: www.redcrossyouth.org/college/youthwire

Ages: 18–22

Material: Newsletter

Topics: General preparedness, volunteerism/community service

Description: YouthWire is a monthly newsletter that provides news, stories, and announcements about opportunities for youth volunteers with the American Red Cross. The newsletter features regular updates from the Red Cross National Youth Council.

Zombie Apocalypse Party

ORGANIZATION: AMERICAN RED CROSS 

Website: www.redcrossyouth.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Zombie_YouthActivityGuide.pdf

Ages: 8–adult

Materials: In-person activities, story

Topics: Fire safety, general preparedness, health, medical

Description: A zombie apocalypse party can be a great way to share preparedness information with a school or community, and it can teach skills that can be applied to a variety of disasters. Your zombie apocalypse party can be scaled to the size of your participating group and the suggested activities. These activities include hosting a zombie-style ready relay, organizing a blood drive, or showing a “Zombie Apocalypse” video created by the Red Cross Los Angeles Region. Learning preparedness skills can be less frightening and more engaging when presented in the context of a fictional disaster—a zombie apocalypse.

Publications

Before Disaster Strikes ... A Guide to Food Safety in the Home

AUTHOR: INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR FOOD PROTECTION

Website: www.foodprotection.org/publications/other-publications

Description: This guide provides information on assembling an emergency food and water supply kit for the home. The guide explains the importance of planning ahead for disasters in terms of food safety and lists items that are important to store in case of an emergency. In addition, this guide addresses how long specific food items stay fresh, how to sanitize water, and how to avoid food-related illnesses.

Family Readiness Kit

AUTHOR: AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS (AAP) 

Websites: www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/Children-and-Disasters/Documents/aapfrkfull.pdf and www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/children-and-disasters/Documents/aapfrkfull-spanish.pdf

Description: The Family Readiness Kit is a set of materials for parents and families to use at home for students of all grades. It includes topics such as caring for your family, understanding disasters, steps to prepare, and disaster supplies. It is available in English and Spanish.

Helping Children Cope With Disaster

AUTHORS: AMERICAN RED CROSS  AND FEMA 

Website: www.fema.gov/pdf/library/children.pdf

Description: The Helping Children Cope with Disaster booklet was created to assist parents and caregivers in helping children cope with disasters and emergencies. The guide also provides information on creating a family emergency plan and discussing the plan with children.

Los Angeles Fire Department Emergency Preparedness

AUTHOR: LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT

Website: www.cert-la.com/EmergPrepBooklet.pdf

Description: This emergency preparedness booklet teaches Los Angeles residents how to be prepared for emergencies in their area. The booklet includes sections for family and home disaster planning, earthquake tips, and general preparedness checklists.

National Report Card on Protecting Children in Disasters

AUTHOR: SAVE THE CHILDREN 

Website: www.savethechildren.org/US-Disaster

Description: Based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Children in Disasters, Save the Children has released a report every year since 2008, scoring states on basic standards to protect children in K–12 schools and in childcare.

Pediatric Preparedness Resource Catalog

AUTHOR: ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Website: www.luh.org/depts/emsc/disaster_preparedness/PedPrepareResourceDev_2009web_V2.pdf

Description: The Pediatric Preparedness Resource Catalog contains links to resources that establish guidelines and tools for pediatric preparedness. The catalog includes publications, websites, and fillable forms.

The Unique Needs of Children in Emergencies: A Guide for the Inclusion of Children in Emergency Operations Plans

AUTHOR: SAVE THE CHILDREN 

Website: www.savethechildren.org/atf/cf/%7B9def2ebe-10ae-432c-9bd0-df91d2eba74a%7D/children-emergencies-planning-guide-2010.pdf

Description: The Unique Needs of Children in Emergencies guide was created to help local and state emergency managers and coordinators in their efforts to develop and maintain a document that is supplemental to a community's standard emergency operations plan and that also addresses the special needs of children. The guide provides an overview of the process for developing this document, information on the psychological effects of disasters on children, and legal considerations for working with children in disasters.

Youth Volunteers in Disaster Services

AUTHOR: AMERICAN RED CROSS 

Website: www.redcrossyouth.files.wordpress.com/2008/09/ythindis.pdf

Description: The Youth Volunteers in Disaster Services document discusses the importance and benefits of involving youth in disaster preparedness programs. Additionally, the report provides the information and tools needed for leadership from three areas—disaster services, youth services, and volunteer administration—to foster youth participation in their local chapters' disaster services programs.

Additional Resources and Organizations

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

Website: www.aap.org/disasters

Description: AAP is a membership organization of 62,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical sub-specialists, and pediatric surgical specialists who strive to attain optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. The AAP identifies disaster preparedness as a priority and appointed a Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council to oversee activities including a Children and Disasters website. AAP supports efforts to ensure that youth preparedness programs have clear goals and strategies, effective evaluation methods, and age- and developmentally-appropriate activities to provide evidence-based proof of effectiveness and absence of untoward effects. AAP will aim to identify pediatricians to partner with select communities in the development of youth preparedness programs upon request.

Aware & Prepare

Website: www.awareandprepare.org

Description: The Aware & Prepare Initiative is a public-private partnership designed to enhance the capabilities of nonprofit organizations and government agencies to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters within the Santa Barbara County, CA operational area. The program operates in eight major jurisdictions (Carpinteria, Santa Barbara, Goleta, Lompoc, Solvang, Buellton, Santa Maria, and Guadalupe) as well as unincorporated areas and special districts.

Be Here for Kids, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

Website: www.missingkids.org/behereforkids

Description: Be Here for Kids is a national campaign that encourages families and communities to help ensure every child has a safe childhood. The campaign includes resources for talking to children about safety and becoming a child safety champion, including social media posts to promote child safety.

Child Care Aware[®] of America

Website: www.childcareaware.org

Description: Child Care Aware of America provides an array of publications and resources to assist parents, educators, and childcare providers in ensuring that children are safe while in childcare. Resources cover what to ask your childcare provider before a disaster, protecting children in childcare during emergencies, helping children cope with an emergency, and nurturing children after disasters.

Children in Disasters Caucus, International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) 🌟

Website: www.iaem.com/page.cfm?p=groups/us-caucuses/children-in-disasters&lvl=2

Description: IAEM is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to promoting the principles of emergency management and representing those professionals whose goals are saving lives and protecting property and the environment during emergencies and disasters. IAEM's Children in Disasters Caucus gives IAEM members with an interest in youth preparedness the opportunity to work together on pertinent issues and is designed to promote the inclusion of children in emergency management planning and preparedness.

Citizen Corps 🌟

Website: ready.gov/citizen-corps

Description: The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds. Citizen Corps achieves this mission by engaging volunteer organizations to help augment resources for public safety, preparedness, and response capabilities. Citizen Corps supports youth preparedness education by sharing information at in-person events, on online forums and webinars, and through direct engagement with local stakeholders.

CLASP Advisors 🌟

Website: www.claspadvisors.com

Description: CLASP Advisors is a training and assessment firm that addresses the challenges of the complex school environment by providing comprehensive, customized, and advanced practices to create a well-rounded protection program for children and schools. CLASP's experienced advisors bring multiple points of view and extensive expertise from government protection agencies, protective services, and the U.S. military to achieve the firm's core belief that everyone has a role in emergency preparation. Having protected the United States at home and abroad, CLASP's goal is to best prepare and safeguard children, families, and neighbors.

Community Preparedness Index (CPI), Save the Children 🌟 and Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness

Website: www.savethechildren.org/CPI

Description: The CPI is an assessment tool that serves to guide community leaders and officials in determining their community's readiness to serve children in a disaster. Developed by Save the Children and Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness, the CPI is based on recommended guidelines and best practices, and focuses on major child-serving sectors, including childcare, schools, foster care, emergency shelters, community organizations, and hospitals. The CPI produces a score for each sector, as well as an overall community preparedness score. These scores can help communities identify areas where more work or attention may be needed to bolster their preparedness. The scores are not made public—they are only known by the group completing the CPI, Save the Children, and the National Center for Disaster Preparedness.

Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

Website: www.nationalservice.gov

Description: CNCS is a federal agency that helps more than five million Americans improve the lives of their fellow citizens through service. CNCS is committed to creating intergenerational programs focused on youth preparedness and incentivizes AmeriCorps grant applicants who include youth preparedness elements in their applications. CNCS' programs include AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and FEMA Corps.

Delta Emergency Response Team, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Website: www.deltasigmatheta.org

Description: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is committed to building and elevating the status of youth preparedness learning programs at the national, state, and local levels. The Delta Emergency Response Team develops guidelines and provides resources for chapters to adequately prepare for and respond to disasters that will expedite the effective recovery of its members and surrounding community. Members are encouraged to engage in activities that will ensure awareness and resilience, and to contribute to overall community preparedness goals.

Department of Homeland Security Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships

Website: www.dhs.gov/dhs-center-faith-based-neighborhood-partnerships

Description: The mission of the Department of Homeland Security Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships is to build resilient communities among faith-based and community organizations. The Center for Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships supports youth preparedness initiatives through virtual sessions with the faith-based community, by supporting FEMA Corps' efforts to conduct school outreach, and by promoting FEMA's youth preparedness education tools and resources via digital and in-person engagement.

Effective Education for Disaster Risk Reduction (edu4drr)

Website: www.edu4drr.org

Description: Edu4drr is an online social network by and for teachers and educators who want to make a difference in disaster prevention education. The network includes a discussion forum, links to blogs, videos, and a compilation of preparedness education resources.

Emergency Management Division, Orange County Sheriff's Department

Website: www.ocsd.org/divisions/fieldops/emb

Description: This webpage provides preparedness information specific to Orange County, California. The page offers links to preparedness information for families and businesses, which includes information about keeping pets and livestock safe.

Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN)

Website: www.eden.lsu.edu

Description: EDEN is a collaborative multi-state effort by Extension Services across the country to improve the delivery of services to citizens affected by disasters. EDEN links Extension educators from across the United States and various disciplines, enabling them to use and share resources to reduce the impact of disasters. Topics include agricultural disasters, families and communities, hazards and threats, human health, and disaster watch.

FEMA Office of Disability Integration & Coordination (ODIC)

Website: www.fema.gov/office-disability-integration-coordination

Description: ODIC leads FEMA's commitment to achieving whole-community emergency management, inclusive of individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, by providing guidance, tools, methods, and strategies to establish equal physical, program, and effective communication access. ODIC is committed to ensuring that youth and families receive access to the information and resources they need to protect themselves and recover from unexpected emergencies and catastrophic disasters.

FEMA Office of the Senior Law Enforcement Advisor (OSLEA)

Website: www.fema.gov/office-senior-law-enforcement-advisor

Description: The role of OSLEA is to enhance communication and coordination between FEMA and law enforcement communities. OSLEA encourages law enforcement officials to promote the participation of youth in preparedness programs in their respective communities. These efforts include identifying and developing activities geared toward youth audiences. OSLEA seeks to support the needs of children and families by endorsing emergency management practices that adhere to FEMA's core values of compassion, fairness, integrity, and respect.

Firewise Communities/USA Recognition Program

Website: www.firewise.org/usa-recognition-program

Description: The Firewise Communities/USA Recognition Program encourages local solutions in reducing wildfire risk. It provides resources to help residents learn how to adapt to living with wildfire risk and work with neighbors to take action now to prevent losses. Communities earn Firewise recognition by developing risk reduction activities and implementing them in their neighborhoods. Firewise offers online courses, free materials, and educational opportunities to empower people to act and raise awareness about wildfire safety.

generationOn

Website: www.generationon.org

Description: GenerationOn brings the Nation's leading youth service organizations and programs under one umbrella, including Children for Children, The League, the National Youth Advisory Council, Learning to Give, Kids Care Clubs, and HandsOn Schools. By partnering with teachers, parents, schools, community organizations, and businesses, generationOn gives kids the opportunity to see firsthand the issues in their communities and the tools and resources they need to respond and become part of the solution.

Guam Homeland Security Office of Civil Defense

Website: www.ghs.guam.gov

Description: The Guam Homeland Security Office of Civil Defense coordinates and facilitates all government of Guam, military, and federal liaison response agencies and their resources in mitigating, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from any and all types of emergencies in order to protect lives, environment, and property on the island of Guam. The Guam Homeland Security Office of Civil Defense is in the process of developing several youth preparedness programs in partnership with local nonprofits and government affiliated entities.

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)

Websites: www.missingkids.com

Description: NCMEC partnered with FEMA to develop preparedness and reunification plans for children who have gone missing during or after an emergency or disaster. One of the resulting initiatives is the Unaccompanied Minors Registry, a data collection tool that assists reunification specialists in their efforts to reunite displaced children with their parents or legal guardians.

National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (National VOAD) 🌟

Website: www.nvoad.org

Description: National VOAD is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization that builds resiliency in communities nationwide. It serves as a forum for organizations to share knowledge and resources throughout every phase of the disaster cycle—preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation. National VOAD is committed to building and strengthening partnerships among stakeholder agencies and organizations that are committed to promoting youth preparedness. These relationships are fostered through webinars, conference calls, mid-year conventions, and the National VOAD annual conference.

Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness & Response (OHSEPR), Administration for Children & Families 🌟

Website: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohsepr

Description: OHSEPR, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families, promotes the resilience of vulnerable individuals, children, families, and communities impacted by disasters and public health emergencies. OHSEPR also provides expertise in human services preparedness, response, and recovery through policy, planning, operations, and partnerships. OHSEPR has developed guidelines for states and communities to develop their own Children and Youth Task Forces on addressing children's needs during emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. OHSEPR also disseminates guidance and tools to promote preparedness to human services partners such as childcare providers and Head Start.

Office of Safe and Healthy Students, U.S. Department of Education 🌟

Website: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oese/oshs/index.html?exp=2

Description: The Office of Safe and Healthy Students webpage offers resources that can help school leaders plan for emergencies. The page provides links to news, fact sheets, and technical assistance resources. Topics include homeland security, emergency management, and violence prevention.

Order of the Sword and Shield National Honor Society for Homeland Security, Intelligence, Emergency Management, and all Protective Security Disciplines

Website: www.securityhonorsociety.org

Description: The Honor Society is an academic and professional honor society dedicated exclusively to homeland security, intelligence, emergency management, and all protective security disciplines. The mission is to promote critical thinking, high scholarship, and professional development to further enhance the ethical standards of the protective security professions and to cultivate a higher standard of living. The Homeland Security/Emergency Management Honor Society is open to any undergraduate or graduate student who is enrolled in a homeland security, intelligence, emergency management, or protective security studies program.

Outstanding Achievement in Youth Preparedness, FEMA

Website: ready.gov/preparedness-awards

Description: The FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Award for Outstanding Achievement in Youth Preparedness is presented to an organization, program, or jurisdiction that increases youth preparedness; engages youth to educate others in disaster preparedness; or incorporates the voice of youth in development, outreach, and assessment of preparedness programs.

Points of Light

Website: www.pointsoflight.org

Description: Points of Light uses the AmeriCorps Community Emergency Preparedness Corps and generationOn to engage youth in developing local approaches to increasing youth understanding of disasters and to inspire youth to better prepare themselves, their schools, and their families. Points of Light Disaster Services is focused on partnership development to facilitate strengthening community capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. By engaging partners like FEMA and the American Red Cross, Points of Light disseminates proven disaster response practices throughout Points of Light action centers and networks. Points of Light is focusing on engaging local communities through support for preparedness events with local volunteer affiliates.

Safe and Sound: A Sandy Hook Initiative

Website: www.safeandsoundschools.org

Description: Safe and Sound empowers youth and community members to take leadership in securing their schools. Through education, program and resource development, and community engagement, Safe and Sound helps school community members work together to ensure the safest learning environment for the Nation's youth. Safe and Sound develops materials, activities, and teaching resources targeted toward youth engagement in safety preparedness and response. Safe and Sound teaches basic actions and practice activities to reinforce appropriate and safe responses to emergencies in the school community and beyond.

Scholastic

Website: www.scholastic.com

Description: Scholastic's mission is to encourage the intellectual and personal growth of all children, beginning with literacy. Scholastic and its educational experts and partners promote youth preparedness through direct outreach to school leaders, educators, and families through the publication of educational materials and current events magazines that help teachers explain the changing world to students, by sponsoring literary events, and by promoting service learning in schools. Scholastic has also developed a comfort kit, My Time, A Box for Comfort and Fun, for children affected by disasters and crises. The kit features tools that can be used to help children handle stress and anxiety. There are two versions of the kit, one for grades K–3 and one for grades 4–6.

Target

Website: <https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/safety-preparedness>

Description: Target provides grants to emergency management agencies at the state and local levels in order to support youth preparedness programs such as CERT, STEP, and others. The company's Heroes & Helpers annual events pair public safety officials with community youth for holiday shopping sprees at Target stores to help build connections between youth, law enforcement, and first responders. The company holds quarterly webinars with local emergency management agencies to share information, including how to work with Target's Corporate Command Center, how to partner with Target during a crisis, and, in general, how Target helps build community preparedness. Target also sponsors the Emerging Leaders training program, which is an opportunity for the next generation of emergency management professionals in early-to-middle-management roles within their organizations to learn leadership and business management skills, while building their networks of peers and partners.

YMCA

Website: www.ymca.net

Description: With a focus on safety, health, social growth, and academic enhancement, the YMCA's after-school programs serve students in kindergarten through middle school with a variety of programmatic and activity options to explore and develop their interests and talents. YMCA seeks to integrate emergency preparedness activities into its portfolio of offerings. In 2010, YMCA signed a memorandum of understanding with the American Red Cross that provides a framework for national-level cooperation with respect to community disaster relief and other mutually beneficial services. In 2015, YMCA also signed a memorandum of understanding with FEMA that will help communities across the Nation better prepare for, and respond to, disasters by building on existing relationships and enhancing coordination across national, regional, state, and local levels. Leadership from each organization stressed that while they have different missions, both support youth engagement programs and focus on building community resilience.

Young Minds Inspired (YMI)

Website: www.ymiclassroom.com

Description: YMI is a full-service educational marketing agency that provides resources to schools across the Nation from day cares to colleges for promoting disaster preparedness to students. These resources include activity books, bilingual programs, online content and games, webinars, and more. YMI publicizes its work through newsletters for teachers and by partnering with the American Federation for Teachers.

Youth Service America (YSA)

Website: www.ysa.org

Description: The mission of YSA is to help young people find their voices, take action, and make an impact on vital community issues including disaster preparedness. YSA administers and sponsors a number of programs that include preparedness-related service options. These programs include Semester of Service, Global Youth Service Day, and the National Child Awareness Month Youth Ambassador Program. These programs are designed to engage schools, before-and after-school programs, and youth clubs and societies. YSA's website also offers suggestions for disaster preparedness, home safety, and community-building activities.



FEMA