

The Consortium for Infant and Child Health

Pinch of Prevention

Module: Emergency Preparedness for Special Needs



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CINCH is a community partnership to improve children's health in Hampton Roads



Care Connection is a community based case management program for persons under 21 with physical disabilities and chronic health conditions.

Why Prepare?



1. Disasters can happen:
Anywhere, Anytime and some-times
without warning
2. Disaster relief agencies may not be
able to get to you quickly!
3. Few agencies are equipped to handle citizens with special needs -
being prepared helps you maintain control and a sense of
independence.



The Key to Being Prepared is **YOU!**



www.hrspecialneeds.org

Disasters Effect Children with Special Needs in Unique Ways...

- Communication devices and medical equipment may not work without electricity
- May need back up supplies such as manual wheelchair, generator, extra batteries etc.
- May not have access to medicines or special dietary foods



How Do I Prepare?



**Start by registering your information in the
Hampton Roads Medical Needs Registry at
www.hrspecialneeds.org**



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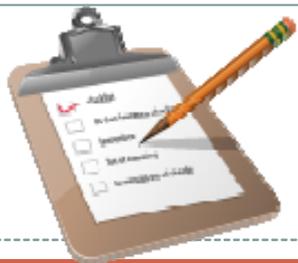


What is the Hampton Roads Medical Needs Registry?



- Database of names and addresses of individuals with medical needs/health conditions who cannot manage independently in a general shelter or evacuation center
- Serves as an emergency preparedness tool that will be used by local emergency managers to communicate with people with medical needs for emergency planning
- Registration is voluntary and information is secure





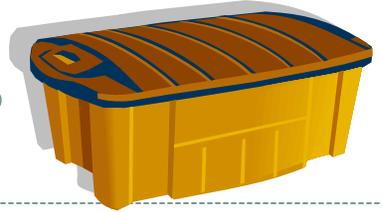
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Have a Plan!

- Create an Individual Plan for Emergency Preparedness (IPEP) which should include:
 - ✓ Emergency Numbers
 - ✓ Health , insurance and medication information for each family member
 - ✓ Caregiver/Personal
 - ✓ Supplies to include in your Emergency Supply Kits
 - ✓ Escape routes and safe spots
 - ✓ You can download an emergency preparedness tool kit from this website



Emergency Supply Kits



- Prepare kits with essential supplies needed for an quick evacuation such as:
 - water
 - non-perishable foods
 - first aid kit
 - copies of important documents
 - personal hygiene items etc.
- Include enough items for 3 – 5 days per person
- Some items will need to be grabbed at the last minute (i.e. prescription drugs)





Things to Remember

- Emergency preparedness is a personal responsibility
- Preparation takes time and effort
- Plan to survive at least 72 hrs without assistance from emergency response
- You must be self sufficient in a shelter and bring your personal attendant



Questions?

For more information about emergency preparedness, please contact Care Connection for Children at 757-668-7132 or Careconntention@chkd.org



In addition, you may also contact your local Child Health coalition:

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