



Planning for the Community's Youngest Population:

Collaborating with Emergency Management

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***Building
Well-Being
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For The Child Care Community



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Agenda

- Unique aspects of children and child care programs in emergency planning
- Emergency manager basics
- Strengthening partnerships at all stages of emergency cycle
- CCR&R examples

Child Care and Emergencies

- Caring for children is a big responsibility under 'normal' conditions. However, when something out of control happens, such as a natural disaster or emergency event, caring for children becomes an even greater responsibility.
- The safety and well-being of children is a primary concern of child care providers. It takes a great deal of trust for parents to leave their children in child care and when disasters occur, this trust takes on a new level



CCR&R Role in Preparedness



- CCR&Rs are a constant presence in local communities and serve as a trusted resource for child care providers, families, and community partners.
- CCAoA believes that resilient communities must have preparation, relief, and recovery systems in place to ensure that children are safe and that families can return to work.
- With the proper training and resources, CCR&Rs can serve as resilience hubs that reduce and possibly prevent the suffering of people affected by disasters—especially those most vulnerable.



Unique Needs of Children in Disasters

Unique Needs of Children

- Reliance on Caregivers
- Communication Limitations and Identification
- Limited Mobility
- Safety and Protection
- Physical Needs
- Nutritional Needs
- Emotional Needs
- Routine and Comfort

Emergency Management Basics

- Organizational Level
- City Emergency Management
- County Emergency Management
- State Emergency Management
- Regional and Federal Partners



- How can your preparedness, response, and recovery plans be strengthened by including the expertise, leadership and data from emergency management?
- How can you get a seat at their table?
- Where do you start?



Potential Role of Emergency Management in PREPAREDNESS

- Assist with child care emergency plan review
- Add child care representative to emergency planning committees
- Assist in identifying potential evacuation sites and transportation options for child care programs

Potential Role of Emergency Management in PREPAREDNESS (cont)

- Training and Education on hazards/mitigation
- Inclusion of child care reps in tabletop exercises
- Walk-through safety assessment of CCR&R and/or child care sites

Potential Partnership with Emergency Management in RESPONSE

- Create emergency child care sites for first responders
- Provide details on child care locations



Potential Partnership with Emergency Management in RECOVERY

- Identify post disaster needs of child care programs to emergency management in an effort to quickly restore this critical service
- Elevate needs of the child care sector by providing damage assessment data and resource needs identified



Partnerships & Collaboration for Community Resilience Video

- <https://youtu.be/8bcmmyp9EaM>



Building and Strengthening Partnerships in Minnesota

Getting Connected

- Emergency Manager Interest
- Regional Connections- Meetings/Presentation
- Statewide Advisory Committee

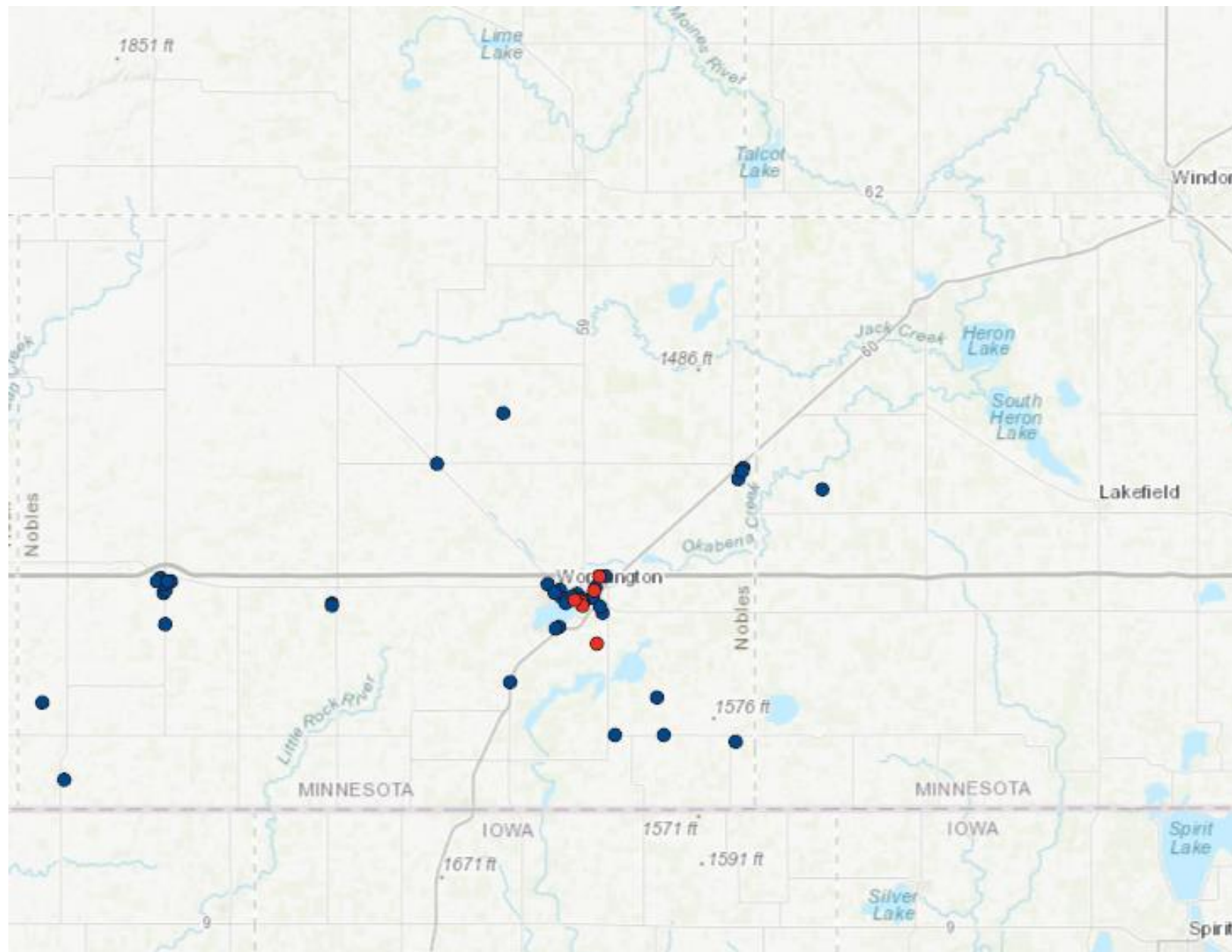
Advisory Committee



Child Care Aware® of Minnesota - Advisory committee

Building on Success

- MN Disaster Impact Assessment Tool
- Child Care Aware of America Mapping Tool
- County Fact Sheets



Going Forward

- Reconnecting with County Emergency Managers
- Updating County Fact Sheets
- Holding Virtual Sessions with Child Care Educators



STEARNS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Information for Child Care Providers

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Stearns County Website

The Emergency Management page has topics including:

- Monthly public education
- Disaster Preparation
- Information on Hazards
- Emergency Alerts

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Child Care Emergency Plan

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) requires all Minnesota Licensed child care programs to complete a Child Care Emergency Plan. Find out more using these resources:

- [Milestones Emergency Preparedness Child](#)
- [Care Aware Planning for Emergencies](#)

Emergency Notifications



Stearns County utilizes a service called RAVE to provide mass notifications to the community. Residents may register their phone numbers and email addresses to receive phone calls, text messages, and emails regarding a variety of weather events. There are several options available in what types of alerts you would like to receive and how you want to receive them. You can sign up for these alerts [here](#).

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) are provided to you through the Integrated Public Alerts and Warning System (IPAWS). The most likely alerts you have received are either AMBER alerts, Tornado or Flash Flood Warnings.

If you have a specific question about these alerts, please contact your cell phone provider as each phone and company are different in how these alerts work.



After Emergency Contact

If you have damage to your home or surrounding property due to an emergency/disaster contact:

- **City/Township Offices:** The county can obtain damage report information from local officials as needed
- **County Licensor:** let them know whether you are open or closed
- **Milestones:** provide assistance with grant eligibility and back-up providers available for families

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Building and Strengthening Partnerships in Montana

Creating a Disaster Ready Child Care System in Montana

Project overview

Two Core Components

- Community Driven Work
- Network Supports and Resources

Raise Montana Network Support

- **Centralized Hub Page:** Raise Montana leads efforts that benefit from centralization. We have developed a centralized [Emergency Preparedness hub page](#), accessible through the raisemt.org website and linked to from regional CCR&R websites.
- **Language Accessibility Project:** Raise Montana will also lead the Language Accessibility project.



Community Driven Work

- Regional Emergency Preparedness (EP) Leads take the lead in community-driven efforts.
- They build relationships within communities, offer ongoing emergency preparedness training and technical assistance (TA) to child care providers, and engage in various activities.

Family Connections Real Life Experiences

- Attending LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) and DES (Department of Emergency Services) Meetings regularly throughout our regions.

Cascade County Examples

- Airport Crash Live Simulation
- Malmstrom Airforce Base (MAFB) Hazardous Material Transportation Crisis Tabletop Exercise
- City of Great Falls Urban Fire Tabletop Exercise

The Montana Emergency Guardian Program

- Disasters or emergencies can happen suddenly. When emergencies occur, those most vulnerable are our children.
- The MT Emergency Guardian Program is a support to community- wide response in the event of a mass disaster or emergency situation. We work to ensure the safe care of children for up to the immediate 72-hours following a significant event.



Facilitated discussion

Let's hear from you!

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**What partnerships
and collaboration
ideas have you
heard today?**



What ideas can you
bring back to your
community and
state?



**What can you share
with your peers?
Wins in your work?
Challenges?**



Where do you go
from here? How do
you start?





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Thank you!

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