

Catalogue of Youth Disaster Preparedness Education Resources

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The Catalogue of Youth Disaster Preparedness Education Resources was created to assist individuals with locating preparedness resources that are tailored to youth. Research has shown that youth disaster preparedness education is vital to building and maintaining resilient communities—especially when incorporating key recommended practices. Some promising youth disaster preparedness education components include:

- Lessons tailored to multiple grade levels and ages, with material pertaining to preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery;
- Interactive activities for families;
- Guest speakers representing local emergency management and/or first responder agencies; and
- Exercises and drills that help sharpen preparedness and response skills.

For more information on recommended practices in youth disaster preparedness education, review the Citizen Preparedness Review, Issue 6, [Bringing Youth Disaster Preparedness Education to the Forefront: A Literature Review and Recommendations](#).

FEMA recommends the following to those implementing youth programs:

- Require background checks to be conducted on instructors for safety precautions.
- Align program materials with FEMA and American Red Cross resources to ensure recommended protective actions are the most current. For more information, please refer to the FEMA [Are You Ready? Guide](#) or the American Red Cross's [Plan & Prepare](#) webpage.
- When using existing materials or developing supplemental materials and exercises, design them to be accessible to everyone, including youth and adults with access and functional needs. For more information on providing access to individuals with disabilities and for general information on accessibility guidelines, please refer to the [Section 504 Programs and Activities Accessibility Handbook](#). Guidance on creating section 508 compliant online materials is available from the [United States Access Board](#). For further information on emergency management and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, review the [Emergency Management and the ADA](#) webinar.

We are providing the following information and links to third party sites for your reference. FEMA does not endorse any non-government website, company, or application. All information provided here comes directly from the entities sponsoring each program. To locate additional preparedness programs and resources, please go to www.Ready.gov and [Be Red Cross Ready](#).

ABOUT THE CATALOGUE

This Catalogue is organized into two sections:

1. Youth Disaster Preparedness Programs, which exclusively includes programs or activities that youth can either join or attend, and
2. Youth Disaster Publications and Resources, which includes resources that are not programs, such as websites, publications, games, and articles.

Both sections of the Catalogue include a table with each youth preparedness-related program or resource labeled by age group and which materials are offered. Following the table, in the body of the text, is a brief annotation for each program or resource.

All resources in the Catalogue are listed alphabetically in the Table of Contents.

We need your help to make this resource as comprehensive as possible. If you know of any programs or resources that should be added to this compendium please forward the information in an email to citizencorps@dhs.gov, with “Youth Preparedness Resource” in the subject line. Thank you.

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YOUTH DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS

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9-1-1 for Kids®	http://www.911forkids.com	X	X	X	X	X	X			X			X		
Always Ready Kids (ARK)	http://www.alwaysreadykids.org/Home.html		X	X			X	X			X	X			
American Red Cross: College Resources	http://redcrossyouth.org/college/college-resources/				X					X			X		
American Red Cross: Masters of Disaster	http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/school/preparedness-education	X	X					X		X			X		
Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (FL)	http://www.bereadyalliance.org/	X	X	X							X	X			
Boy Scouts of America®: Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge	http://www.boyscouttrail.com/boy-scouts/meritbadges/emergencypreparedness.asp		X	X		X				X					
California Partnership for Safety and Preparedness: Team SAFE-T	http://www.teamsafe-t.org/	X	X	X					X	X	X	X	X		
Center for School, Youth and Citizen Preparedness (WD): Ready Camp	http://www.citizenpreparedness.org/ready_camp.html		X	X							X				
Civil Air Patrol: Teen Cadet Program	http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/cap_home/teens/		X	X			X			X	X				
Cobb County (GA): Safety Village	http://portal.cobbcountyga.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=108&Itemid=196	X	X	X	X					X	X	X			
Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association: Colorado's Responding to Emergency and Disasters with Youth (C-READY)	http://www.colofirechiefs.org/C-READY.htm		X	X						X	X		X		

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Corporation for National and Community Service: Learn and Serve America	http://www.nationalservice.gov/newsroom/marketing/factsheets/learn-and-serve-america	X	X	X	X						X			
Delaware Citizen Corps: School Disaster Preparedness Program	http://www.delawarecitizencorps.org/schools		X	X			X		X					
Department of Education: Service Learning and Volunteer Opportunities	http://www2.ed.gov/students/involve/service/list.jhtml	X	X	X	X						X			
DoSomething.org: Disaster Response and Relief	http://www.dosomething.org/cause/disasters		X	X			X				X	X	X	
Environmental Protection Agency: Student Resources	http://www.epa.gov/students	X	X	X		X	X		X		X			
Extension Disaster Education Network	http://eden.lsu.edu/Pages/default.aspx					X			X			X		
Extreme Youth Leadership Training Camp (TX)	http://www.eylat.org/tc.htm		X	X		X	X			X				
FEMA: Ready Kids	http://www.ready.gov/kids	X	X			X		X	X					
FEMA: Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP)	http://www.riema.ri.gov/step/	X				X	X		X			X	X	
FEMA: Teen Community Emergency Response Team (Teen CERT)	http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams/teen-community-emergency-response-team		X	X		X	X		X		X	X		
Fire Corps	http://www.firecorps.org/	X	X	X	X							X		
Firefacts.org	http://www.firefacts.org	X	X			X			X					
First© LEGO© League	http://www.firstlegoleague.org/	X	X							X				

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Florida Division of Emergency Management: Kids Get a Plan	http://www.kidsgetaplan.com/	X	X			X	X			X				X
Girl Scouts: "Be Prepared!" Emergency Preparedness Patch Program	http://www.gscnc.org/dhs.html	X	X	X					X		X			
Girl Scouts: "Restore the Shore" Patch Program	http://girlscoutsjs.org/restore-the-shore-patch-program-2	X	X	X					X		X			
Great ShakeOut™	http://www.shakeout.org/	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X
Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition: Sprinkler Smarts	http://www.sprinklersmarts.org/	X	X			X	X		X			X		
Indiana Department of Homeland Security: Operation Safeguard	http://www.in.gov/dhs/3762.htm			X							X			
Learning for Life: Law Enforcement Career Exploring	http://exploring.learningforlife.org/services/career-exploring/law-enforcement/			X	X						X			
LoneStar Emergency Services Academy (TX)	http://www.lesa1.org/		X	X	X						X			
Medical Reserve Corps	http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov	X	X	X	X							X		
Mid America Teen Community Emergency Response Team (MATC) (MI)	https://www.facebook.com/groups/MIDAMERICATEENCERT/		X	X	X				X	X	X	X		
National Association for Search and Rescue: Hug-a-Tree and Survive Program	http://www.nasar.org/page/67/Hug-A-Tree	X				X	X			X				

		Type of School				Activities							
National Crime Prevention Council: McGruff® Club	http://www.ncpc.org/programs/mcgruff-club	X				X	X			X			
National Crime Prevention Council: Teens, Crime, and the Community (TCC)	http://www.ncpc.org/programs/teens-crime-and-the-community/about-tcc		X	X								X	
National Fire Academy: Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention	http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10435									X	X		
National Fire Protection Association: Risk Watch®: Natural Disasters	http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-public-educators/education-programs/risk-watch	X	X						X				
National Fire Protection Association: Sparky®	http://sparky.org/	X	X			X		X	X			X	X
National Volunteer Fire Council: National Junior Firefighter Program	http://juniors.nvfc.org/	X	X	X								X	
New York City Office of Emergency Management: Get Ready New York	http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/kids_guide.shtm1	X	X	X					X				
Points of Light: generationOn	http://www.generationon.org/	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Project 351 (MA)	http://project351.wordpress.com/		X							X	X		
Ready Houston	http://www.readyhoustontx.gov/schoolready/index.html	X				X	X		X				
Safe Kids Worldwide (formerly Home Safety Council): Get Ready with Freddie!	http://www.healthyschoolsms.org/health_education/documents/freddie.pdf	X				X	X		X			X	
Save the Children: Resilient and Ready Communities Initiative	http://www.savethechildren.org/atf/cf/%7B9def2ebe-10ae-432c-9bd0-df91d2eba74a%7D/resilient-ready-communities-2010.pdf	X	X							X			
Serve Alabama: Be Ready Camp	http://www.servealabama.gov/bereadycamp	X	X				X			X			
Serve DC: Commander Ready Program	http://serve.dc.gov/service/commander-ready	X	X			X	X		X	X	X		
Sesame Workshop: Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies™	http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/ready	X				X	X	X	X			X	
ShelterBox USA: Young ShelterBox	http://www.youngshelterboxusa.org/	X	X						X	X	X		

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TeamHappy: Youth Preparedness Program	http://www.teamhappy.org/programs/youthpreparedness	X	X								X	X		
United States Power Squadrons: Youth Activities Committee	http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/	X	X								X	X		
USAonWatch: Neighborhood Watch	http://www.usaonwatch.org	X	X	X	X							X	X	
Volunteers in Police Service: Youth-Related Activities	http://www.policevolunteers.org/volunteer/?fa=volunteer_activities	X	X	X								X		

Summary of Youth Disaster Preparedness Programs

9-1-1 for Kids®, Pre-K–Adult (Ages 4–Adult)

<http://www.911forkids.com>

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 U.S., Canada, and the Cayman Islands—all countries where 9-1-1 is the universal emergency response phone number. The 9-1-1 for Kids site offers information and links to training materials for public safety officials, community groups, parents, teachers and children. Instructional materials include: the *Presenter's Pak* (including *The Great 9-1-1 Adventure* video and presenter's manual and lesson plan); *Classroom Pak* (including student activity sheets, stickers, book marks, student completion certificates, and classroom poster); and support teaching materials (including coloring books, emergency wallet cards, pencils, erasers, rulers, zipper pulls, goodie bags, apparel, and 9-1-1 heroes awards supplies).

The *9-1-1 Local 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/herself by gallantry and intrepidity 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/call taker who processed the call and dispatched the appropriate emergency response help.

Always Ready Kids (ARK), 6th–12th Grade (Ages 12–18)

<http://www.alwaysreadykids.org/Home.html>

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. More than 15,000 people have participated in projects conducted by ARK. ARK also assists with disaster relief efforts. The organization has raised more than \$20,000 for disaster relief efforts and has collected and sent more than 3,500 books to shelters. The website includes resources for youth on building an ARK disaster supplies kit. The ultimate goal of ARK is to catalyze a shift in our culture's approach to disasters from reactive to proactive.

American Red Cross: College Resources (Ages 18–22)

<http://redcrossyouth.org/college/college-resources/>

This website provides information to help college-age students help their friends and 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, activities, presentations, and handouts.

American Red Cross: Masters of Disaster®, K–8th Grade (Ages 5–14)

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/school/preparedness-education>

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 specifically tailored for lower elementary (K–2), upper elementary (3–5) and

middle school (6–8) classes. Lessons are enjoyable and interactive, ensuring that children are having fun while internalizing important life skills through building capabilities in Mathematics, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Science.

Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (FL), K–12th Grade (Ages 5–18)

<http://www.bereadyalliance.org>

The Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies (BRACE) engages the community in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. The organization offers Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for teens, as well as volunteer opportunities. BRACE also hosts an annual Youth Emergency Preparedness Expo with emergency preparedness information and demonstrations.

Boy Scouts of America®: Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge (Ages 11–17)

<http://www.boyscouttrail.com/boy-scouts/meritbadges/emergencypreparedness.asp>

The Boy Scouts of America Emergency Preparedness merit badge includes learning skills for preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation for emergency situations ranging from home emergencies, camping accidents, natural disasters, boating accidents, and power plant accidents. The badge requirements also include developing plans and checklists and working with others to help them become prepared.

California Partnership for Safety and Preparedness: Team SAFE-T, K–12th Grade (Ages 5–18)

<http://www.teamsafe-t.org/>

Developed in response to the September 11th terrorist attacks, Team SAFE-T (School and Family Emergency Training) 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 and support materials developed to give easy-to-understand, age-appropriate instruction. The program includes lessons on school culture, antiviolenence, 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!*

Center for School, Youth and Citizen Preparedness (WI): Ready Camp, 7th–12th Grade (Ages 13–18)

http://www.citizenpreparedness.org/ready_camp.html

The Responding to Emergency And Disasters with Youth (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 the home and school. 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 affect 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.

Civil Air Patrol: Teen Cadet Program, 6th–12th Grade (Ages 12–18)

http://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/cap_home/teens/

The U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) runs a cadet program for teens. Cadets fly, learn to lead, hike, and camp, get in shape, and push themselves. The program features instruction on the principles of aviation and aerospace flight, and offers cadet encampments with activities in emergency services, engineering, technology, physical fitness, teambuilding, and flight training. The CAP Teen Cadet program can help prepare youth for a career in aviation, space, or the military. About 10 percent of the cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy got their start in CAP. Cadets meet two hours per week and one Saturday per month, on average, and also have the opportunity to attend leadership encampments, career academies, and international exchanges during the summer.

Cobb County (GA): Safety Village (All Ages)

http://portal.cobbcountyga.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=108&Itemid=196

Cobb County Safety Village is an eight-acre safety-training environment where residents of all ages and the business community gain knowledge about public health, safety, and emergency preparedness through hands on experiences. The Village features reduced-scale buildings on street replicas including sidewalks, traffic signals, and other local structures and landmarks.

Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association: Colorado's Responding to Emergency and Disasters with Youth (C-READY), 6th–12th Grade (Ages 12–18)

<http://www.colofirechiefs.org/C-READY.htm>

Colorado's Responding to Emergency and Disasters with Youth (C-READY) program is coordinated by the Center for School, Youth, and Citizen Preparedness, a non-profit organization working in collaboration with many statewide and local organizations. Students will learn about their potential role in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from an emergency situation, and have the opportunity to put what they learn to use in mock disaster exercises. The program has the goal of teaching 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 the home and school. 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 affect 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.

Corporation for National and Community Service: Learn and Serve America, K–Adult (Ages 5–Adult)

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/newsroom/marketing/fact-sheets/learn-and-serve-america>

Learn and Serve America allows children to participate in service-learning activities and offers a unique opportunity for them to get involved by combining community service projects with classroom learning. Service-learning engages students in the educational process using what they learn in the classroom to solve real-life problems. Learn and Serve America provides direct and indirect support to K–12 schools, community groups, and

higher education institutions to facilitate service-learning projects. More than one million students each year step up to serve with Learn and Serve America programs across the country.

Delaware Citizen Corps: School Disaster Preparedness Program, 6th–12th Grade (Ages 12–18)

<http://www.delawarecitizencorps.org/schools>

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 initiative was first implemented in 2009 at the beginning of the school year, during National Preparedness Month. Currently, the program is composed of a series of five videos, classroom discussion guide, and covers a variety of topics, including developing a family plan, making a disaster kit, shelter-in-place, and evacuation resources.

Department of Education: Service Learning and Volunteer Opportunities, K–Adult (Ages 5–Adult)

<http://www2.ed.gov/students/involve/service/list.jhtml>

The Department of Education’s website offers links to a number of resources and opportunities for youth to get involved in their communities. For example, through AmeriCorps, young volunteers can find national service programs that provide opportunities to tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, and help communities respond to disasters.

DoSomething.org: Disaster Response and Relief, 7th–9th Grade (Ages 13–15)

<http://www.dosomething.org/cause/disasters>

By utilizing the web, television, mobile, 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 on how they can take action in response to a recent disaster.

Environmental Protection Agency: Student Resources, K–12th Grade (Ages 5–18)

<http://www.epa.gov/students>

The Environmental Protection Agency 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 specific topics including 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.

Extension Disaster Education Network (Adults)

<http://eden.lsu.edu/Pages/default.aspx>

The Extension Disaster Education Network (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 U.S. 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.

Extreme Youth Leadership Training Camp (TX), 6th–12th Grade (Ages 12–18)

<http://www.eylat.org/tc.htm>

Extreme Youth Leadership training camp is a week-long summer camp that takes place annually as part of the Texas School Safety Center program. The camp gives youth the opportunity to create solutions to real issues that are occurring in their schools and communities, including emergency preparedness. The camp combines youth networking, skills clinics, keynote speakers, and fun activities. The camp provides youth with the skills necessary to make a difference in their communities.

FEMA: Ready Kids, 2nd–6th Grade (Ages 8–12)

<http://www.ready.gov/kids>

Ready Kids features disaster-related games, quizzes, stories, photos, and cartoons to help children be informed, make a plan, and build a kit. Children can also graduate from *Readiness U*. Additionally, the website offers tools to help parents and teachers educate children about emergencies and how they can help get their family prepared.

FEMA: Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP), 4th–5th Grade (Ages 9–11)

<http://www.riema.ri.gov/step/>

Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) is designed to teach fifth graders what to do in emergency situations, how to create emergency kits, and how to develop family communication plans. STEP requires only one hour of instructional time during the school year, but offers up to 15 hours of optional materials that align with national and state standards. Instructional materials for teachers include student handouts, instructional booklets, and *The Adventures of the Disaster Dudes* video. This video shows students playing a game based on disaster preparedness and is accompanied by discussion points for teachers to cover after showing the video. The website includes additional resources for teachers, such as sample letters to families and discussion topics, and students, such as a list of emergency kit contents and family communication plan cards. There are links to supplemental materials, including emergency role-play scenarios and a student reading list. STEP also offers a training program that focuses on how to pitch the program to your community and local school districts as well as learning how to effectively implement the program.

FEMA: Teen Community Emergency Response Team (Teen CERT), 7th–12th Grade (Ages 12–18)

<http://www.fema.gov/community-emergency-response-teams/teen-community-emergency-response-team>

Teen CERT provides basic CERT training to students in their high schools. The program gives students emergency and leadership skills, creates an emergency response asset for schools, creates an avenue to deliver the preparedness message to teens' families and parents, creates a culture of preparedness among tomorrow's community leaders, and promotes connections to local sponsoring agencies, including the fire department, law enforcement, and emergency management.

Fire Corps (All Ages)

<http://www.firecorps.org>

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.

Firefacts.org, K–6th Grade (Ages 5–12)

<http://www.firefacts.org>

Firefacts.org is a family of interactive websites that teach fire safety to children and offers resources to parents and teachers to promote fire safety. They have a website just for children, [Fire Safe Kids](#), which features educational games and activities.

First[®] LEGO[®] League, 3rd–8th Grade (Ages 9–14)

<http://www.firstlegoleague.org/>

The First LEGO League (FLL) is a robotics program, which is designed to get children excited about science and technology. FLL is also meant to teach participants valuable employment and life skills. FLL can be used in a classroom setting but is not solely designed for this purpose. Teams, composed of up to 10 children, with at least one adult coach, can also be associated with a pre-existing club or organization, homeschool, or just be a group of friends. Each year there is an official FLL tournament surrounding a different real-world theme. For 2013, the challenge “Nature’s Fury” focuses on natural disasters and being prepared, staying safe, and recovering.

Florida Division of Emergency Management: Kids Get a Plan, 1st–5th Grade (Ages 6–11)

<http://www.kidsgetaplan.com/>

Kids Get a Plan is an interactive website featuring stories, coloring pages, screensavers and wallpaper, and activities. The website also offers accompanying guides for teachers and parents. Topics covered include thunderstorms, wildfires, and hurricanes.

Girl Scouts: “Be Prepared!” Emergency Preparedness Patch Program (Ages 5–18)

<http://www.gscnc.org/dhs.html>

Developed in conjunction with FEMA’s Citizen Corps, the Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital created the “Be Prepared!” Emergency Preparedness patch program to equip Girl Scouts 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 family, 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 can be downloaded from the website.

Girl Scouts: “Restore the Shore” Patch Program (Ages 5–18)

<http://www.girlscoutsjs.org/restore-the-shore-patch-program-2>

In an effort to help after Hurricane Sandy came ashore and devastated numerous communities in October 2012, the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore created the “Restore the Shore” patch program. This patch program provides

useful ideas of how Girl Scouts can aid in Sandy relief efforts and earn a new badge. In order to earn the badge, Girl Scouts must complete a number of approved relief activities depending on their age. Some of these activities include holding a food drive, making a monetary donation, donating to local agencies or houses of worship, and checking with animal shelters to see if they need extra supplies.

Great ShakeOut™ (All Ages)

<http://www.shakeout.org/>

The Great ShakeOut website provides information for individuals, businesses, schools, faith-based organizations, community groups, government agencies, and others to participate in the ShakeOut, to get prepared for earthquakes, and to 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.

Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition: Sprinkler Smarts, K–8th Grade (Ages 5–14)

<http://www.sprinklersmarts.org>

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 information, and includes other resources for teachers, parents, and fire departments.

Indiana Department of Homeland Security: Operation Safeguard, 9th–12th Grade (Ages 14–18)

<http://www.in.gov/dhs/3762.htm>

Operation Safeguard is a five-day immersive learning summer leadership academy for central Indiana high school youth. The training and exercises aim to equip teens to be active and productive participants in disaster preparedness and response, with a special focus on helping to protect children impacted by disasters. The academy concludes with a full-scale disaster exercise, where students perform “victim” search, rescue, triage and treatment in realistic setting with input from seasoned first responders.

Learning for Life: Law Enforcement Career Exploring, 9th Grade–Adult (Ages 14–20)

<http://www.learningforlife.org/exploring/lawenforcement/>

Law Enforcement Career Exploring provides educational training programs 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 (TX), 8th Grade–Adult (Ages 14–Adult)

<http://www.lesa1.org>

The LoneStar Emergency Services Academy offers a range of one-week in-person courses for youth and adults on topics such as ground search and rescue and wilderness first responder. They also have a flight school.

Medical Reserve Corps, K–Adult (Ages 5–Adult)

<http://www.medicalreservecorps.gov>

Medical Reserve Corps (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.

Mid America Teen Community Emergency Response Team (MATC) (MI), 6th Grade–Adult (Ages 12–Adult)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MIDAMERICATEENCERT/>

Mid America Teen CERT (MATC) is designed to teach young adults ages 12 and older, including 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, neighborhood, school, church, and workplace in 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, special needs considerations, and terrorism.

National Association for Search and Rescue: Hug-a-Tree and Survive Program, 2nd–5th Grade (Ages 7–11)

<http://www.nasar.org/page/67/Hug-A-Tree>

This educational program 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 suggestions and demonstrations, all led by a trained presenter. The program also includes handouts for parents and activity books for kids.

National Crime Prevention Council: McGruff® Club, 1st–4th Grade (Ages 6–10)

<http://www.ncpc.org/programs/mcgruff-club>

The McGruff Club is a program that promotes crime prevention and safety education. Children are encouraged to become engaged in their communities in service projects and to learn about safety. Specifically, children learn what they can do to stay safe and to prevent crime and violence in their communities. Children meet weekly for 30 to 45 minutes exploring 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, stories, and safety advice. Information for parents and educators is also available.

National Crime Prevention Council: Teens, Crime, and the Community (TCC), 7th–12th Grade (Ages 13–18)

<http://www.ncpc.org/programs/teens-crime-and-the-community/about-tcc>

Teens, Crime, and the Community (TCC) is an initiative that works to encourage young people across the country to create safer schools and neighborhoods and increase social responsibility in teens through education and service-learning projects. TCC is comprised of two major efforts: *Community Works* and *Youth Safety Corps*. *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. *Youth Safety Corps* (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 neighborhoods. YSC members analyze significant safety and security concerns in their schools and communities and address those issues to generate change.

National Fire Academy: Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention (Adults)

<http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10435>

This six-day course 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 practices.

National Fire Protection Association: Risk Watch®: Natural Disasters, Pre-K–8th Grade (Ages 4–14)

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-public-educators/education-programs/risk-watch>

Risk Watch: Natural Disasters teaches children and their families how to recognize, plan for, and respond to a variety of disasters so they can reduce the fear, anxiety, and losses that accompany those events. Students acquire practical life-saving skills related to general preparedness, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and severe winter storms. The curriculum is divided into five modules (preschool, grades 1–2, grades 3–4, grades 5–6, and grades 7–8), and each module includes lesson cards, a lesson plan, classroom activities, evaluation instruments, and other teacher module materials. The modules for K–6 include a CD with grade-specific student workbooks.

National Fire Protection Association: Sparky®, K–6th Grade (Ages 5–12)

<http://sparky.org>

The Sparky.org website features games, fire safety information, playground safety tips, articles on personal safety, and a forum through which children can ask questions. The site also teaches kids how to create and utilize family escape plans and home safety checklists.

National Volunteer Fire Council: National Junior Firefighter Program, K–12th Grade (Ages 5–18)

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

The National Junior Firefighter Program helps support fire departments by encouraging youth to volunteer and learn about fire, rescue, and emergency medical service 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 the National Junior Firefighter Scholarship.

New York City Office of Emergency Management: Get Ready New York, K–8th Grade (Ages 5–18)

http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/kids_guide.shtml

The New York City Office of Emergency Management, in conjunction with the Department of Education, created two guides—one for elementary school students and one for middle and high school students—to help New York City youth prepare for an emergency. Each guide is available in nine different languages. The program also includes teachers' guides for both age groups as well as tear-out sections for use at home. Puzzles, games, and coloring pages are also included in Ready New York for Kids.

Points of Light: generationOn, K–12th Grade (Ages 5–18)

<http://www.generationon.org/>

GenerationOn, the youth division of Points of Light, brings the nation's leading youth service organizations and programs under one umbrella including Children for Children, The League, 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.

Project 351 (MA), 8th Grade (Age 14)

<http://project351.wordpress.com/>

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 selected by local educators for their exemplary ethic of service and their values of humility, compassion, commitment, kindness, 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. 2012's 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.

Ready Houston, K–5th Grade (Ages 5–11)

<http://www.readyhoustontx.gov/schoolready/index.html>

Ready Houston materials include classroom lessons and take-home activities divided into three modules (K–1st grade, 2nd–3rd grades, and 4th–5th grades). The lessons can be used for a one-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, and Stay Informed*.

Safe Kids Worldwide (formerly Home Safety Council): Get Ready with Freddie! K–1st Grade (Ages 5–7)

http://www.healthyschoolsms.org/health_education/documents/freddie.pdf

Get Ready with Freddie! is a short activity book focused around Freddie Flashlight. Students learn to develop a family plan and assemble preparedness kits for their homes. There is also information available in Spanish.

Save the Children: Resilient and Ready Communities Initiative, K–6th Grade (Ages 5–12)

<http://www.savethechildren.org/atf/cf/%7B9def2ebe-10ae-432c-9bd0-df91d2eba74a%7D/resilient-ready-communities-2010.pdf>

The Resilient and Ready Communities initiative aims to help communities in at-risk regions meet new national standards and integrate best practices for supporting children's safety and well-being through preparedness planning and programs. The Resilient and Ready Program is an hour-long workshop designed to educate children and build resiliency when faced with various forms of disasters, including earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, and wildfires. The workshop includes games to provide a fun, educational way for children to learn about preparedness.

Serve Alabama: Be Ready Camp, 6th Grade (Ages 11–12)

<http://www.servealabama.gov/bereadycamp>

Be Ready Camp was created to teach Alabama's 6th graders about disaster preparedness and response. Topics range from fire safety to light search and rescue. The camp culminates with a mock disaster, where the campers work side by side with first responders to respond to a simulated plane crash. Using the skills learned during the week, such as medical triage and light search and rescue, the 6th graders are able to triage and prioritize disaster victims and move them out of harm's way. In addition, the campers are able to plan out their response by working together as a team by efficiently delegating tasks to the suitable person and maintaining strong communication with each other. All Alabama residents entering the 6th grade are eligible to attend and participants are chosen through a competitive application process.

Serve DC: Commander Ready Program, K–7th Grade (Ages 5–13)

<http://serve.dc.gov/service/commander-ready>

The Commander Ready program is a specialized component of the Washington, DC Neighborhood Corps and Citizen Corps programs designed to educate and engage children in emergency preparedness. The program is intended for implementation in the home and at school, and was introduced in DC public schools during the 2007–2008 school year. The Commander Ready curriculum includes activities, workshops, and an animated DVD featuring the Ready Team, and teaches children how to prepare for emergencies and disasters and how to prevent disaster damage. The Commander Ready program is structured to fit into the normal school curriculum with four separate modules each lasting 45 minutes.

Sesame Workshop: Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies™, Pre-K (Ages 4–5)

<http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/ready>

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 multiple media resources available in English and Spanish, including a Sesame Street DVD, a magazine 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.

ShelterBox USA: Young ShelterBox, K–8th Grade (Ages 5–14)

<http://www.youngshelterboxusa.org/>

The Young ShelterBox website includes information on the causes and effects of various disasters such as tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, and volcanic eruptions. It also offers the opportunity for youth to get involved in a Young ShelterBox Club where they can prepare for disasters with their family and community and volunteer to make a difference for global neighbors.

TeamHappy: Youth Preparedness Program, 1st–6th Grade (Ages 6–12)

<http://www.teamhappy.org/programs/youthpreparedness/>

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, word search, fill-in-the-blank, 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.

United States Power Squadrons: Youth Activities Committee, K–8th Grade (Ages 5–14)

<http://www.usps.org/national/membership/youth/>

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.

USAonWatch: Neighborhood Watch (All Ages)

<http://www.usaonwatch.org>

Neighborhood Watch programs frequently offer programs targeted towards youth, such as athletic activities, drug prevention programs, and tutoring. The main goal of these programs is to provide young people with activities that provide them 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.

Volunteers in Police Service: Youth-Related Activities, K–12th Grade (Ages 5–18)

http://www.policevolunteers.org/volunteer/?fa=volunteer_activities

Volunteers in Police Service (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 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.

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American Academy of Pediatrics: Family Readiness Kit	http://www2.aap.org/family/frk/aapfrkfull.pdf							X	X					
American College of Emergency Physicians: Disaster Hero	www.disasterhero.com	X	X			X							X	
American Public Health Association: Get Ready	http://www.getreadyforflu.org/newsite.htm	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
American Red Cross: A Family Guide to First Aid and Emergency Preparedness	http://redcrossstore.org/Shopper/Product.aspx?UniqueId=216						X		X					
American Red Cross: Youth Volunteers in Disaster Services	http://redcrossyouth.files.wordpress.com/2008/09/yt_hindis.pdf	X	X	X	X							X		
American Red Cross and FEMA: Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book	http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1640	X							X					
American Red Cross and FEMA: Helping Children Cope with Disaster	http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/children.pdf								X	X				
American Red Cross and FEMA: Ready...Set...Prepare: A Disaster Preparedness Activity Book	http://bookstore.gpo.gov/products/sku/064-000-00056-0	X				X			X					
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Preparedness 101: Zombie Apocalypse	http://emergency.cdc.gov/socialmedia/zombies.asp	X	X	X	X				X	X			X	
Child Care Aware®: Preparing for Disaster: The Parent View	http://childcareaware.org/parents-and-guardians/resources/preparing-for-disaster-the-parent-view								X	X			X	
City of Arlington Texas: Rescue League Academy: Sink or Swim	http://www.arlingtontx.gov/environmentalservices/pdf/StormWater_Novella.pdf	X	X	X	X	X								
Department of Education, Lead and Manage My School: Emergency Planning	http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan/index.html									X			X	
Effective Education for Disaster Risk Reduction	http://www.edu4drr.org/						X			X			X	
FEMA: IS-909: Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone	http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is909.asp						X		X	X			X	
Illinois Emergency Management Agency: The Day the Earth Shook Video Game	http://www.iema.illinois.gov/EarthquakeGame/Welcome.html	X	X	X	X	X								
Illinois Emergency Management Agency: Ready Schools	http://www.illinois.gov/ready/plan/Pages/Schools.aspx	X	X	X	X		X	X				X		X
Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children: Pediatric Preparedness Resource Catalog	http://www.luhs.org/depts/emsc/disaster_preparedness/PedPrepareResourceDev_2009web_V2.pdf					X		X		X			X	

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International Association for Food Protection: Before Disaster Strikes...A Guide to Food Safety in the Home	http://www.foodprotection.org/files/other-publications/rev-disaster-strikes.pdf								X	X				
International Tsunami Information Center	http://itic.ioc-unesco.org/index.php	X	X	X	X	X	X			X				
Los Angeles Fire Department: Emergency Preparedness	http://lafd.org/eqbook.pdf?bcsi_scan_F973EC8C385C81C3=UtWcFC55QaFsmY/JRpLXjuKFxKYhA AAA3C8cjQ==&bcsi_scan_filename=eqbook.pdf								X					
Los Angeles Unified School District: Safety Training for Emergency Preparedness at Schools (STEPS)	http://steps.lausd.net/					X	X			X			X	
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): Education Resources	http://www.education.noaa.gov/CollectionArchive.html	X	X	X		X				X			X	
NSF International: Scrub Club	http://www.scrubclub.org	X				X	X		X	X				
Orange County Sheriff's Department (CA): Emergency Management Division	http://ocsd.org/divisions/fieldops/emb/								X	X			X	
PLAN!T NOW: Young Meteorologist Program	http://www.youngmeteorologist.org	X	X			X	X			X				X
Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS): Technical Assistance Center	http://rems.ed.gov							X	X	X			X	

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Save the Children: The Unique Needs of Children in Emergencies: A Guide for the Inclusion of Children in Emergency Operations Plans	http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/common/pdf/children_in_emergencies_planning_guide.pdf							X	X					X	
Solutions by Design: CERT for Kids: Modulo de Preparación (Spanish)	http://www.solutionspr.net/preparacion/Modulo de Preparación (Spanish)	X	X			X	X								
United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR): “Let’s Learn to Prevent Disasters!” Educational Kit	http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/2114	X	X			X			X	X					
U.S. Fire Administration (USFA): USFA for Kids	http://www.usfa.fema.gov/kids/	X	X			X			X	X					

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American Academy of Pediatrics: Family Readiness Kit (Adults)

<http://www2.aap.org/family/frk/aapfrkfull.pdf>

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, disaster facts, steps to prepare, and disaster supplies. It is available in English and Spanish.

American College of Emergency Physicians: Disaster Hero, 1st–8th Grade (Ages 7–14)

www.disasterhero.com

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. Parents and teachers are included so that the family and school are familiar with the main concepts of disaster preparedness. Emphasis is placed on making a plan, getting a kit, and being informed.

American Public Health Association: Get Ready (All Ages)

<http://www.getreadyforflu.org/newsite.htm>

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, games, and coloring sheets. In addition, this website has a special area just for children where they can download games, write on a blog, and learn about scholarship opportunities.

American Red Cross: A Family Guide to First Aid and Emergency Preparedness (Adults)

<http://redcrossstore.org/Shopper/Product.aspx?UniqueItemId=216>

This guide and accompanying DVD helps families learn to prepare for all types of emergencies. It uses demonstrations and interactive activities to cover medical emergencies, disaster plans, injury prevention and first aid, and emergency preparedness kits.

American Red Cross: Youth Volunteers in Disaster Services (Adults)

<http://redcrossyouth.files.wordpress.com/2008/09/ythindis.pdf>

This document discusses the importance and benefits of involving youth in disaster preparedness programs. Additionally, the report provides the information and tools needed for three sectors—disaster services, youth services, and volunteer administration—to foster youth participation in their local chapter's disaster services programs.

American Red Cross and FEMA: Disaster Preparedness Coloring Book, Pre-K–1st Grade (Ages 4–7)

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1640>

This coloring and activity book helps children and their parents' work together to learn about natural disasters, family communication plans, and emergency kits.

American Red Cross and FEMA: Helping Children Cope with Disaster (Adults)

<http://www.fema.gov/pdf/library/children.pdf>

This booklet was created to assist parents and caregivers in helping children cope with disasters and emergencies. The guide also provides information on creating family emergency plans and discussing these plans with children.

American Red Cross and FEMA: Ready...Set...Prepare: A Disaster Preparedness Activity Book, Pre-K–1st Grade (Ages 4–7)

<http://bookstore.gpo.gov/products/sku/064-000-00056-0>

This activity book is intended to encourage children and their families to work together to prepare for disasters through activities and games. The book has age-appropriate characters that tell children about emergency-related vocabulary they need to know, how to prepare for a disaster, how to make a disaster supply kit, and how to prevent fires. There is also information on floods, thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, winter storms, and earthquakes.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Ready Wrigley, K–5th Grade (Ages 5–11)

<http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/readywrigley/>

Ready Wrigley 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. One Ready Wrigley activity book focuses on hurricanes, another one on earthquakes.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Preparedness 101: Zombie Apocalypse (All Ages)

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/socialmedia/zombies.asp>

This website from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (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 a list of key items an emergency kit should include, as well as steps that individuals can take to create a family emergency plan. Additionally, this resource includes links to other CDC emergency preparedness pages.

Child Care Aware®: Preparing for Disaster: The Parent View (Adults)

<http://childcareaware.org/parents-and-guardians/resources/preparing-for-disaster-the-parent-view>

To help ensure that children are safe, Child Care Aware provides an array of publications and resources to assist parents, educators, and providers. Resources include 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.

City of Arlington Texas: Rescue League Academy: Sink or Swim (All Ages)

http://www.arlingtontx.gov/environmentalservices/pdf/StormWater_Novella.pdf

The Rescue League Academy is a graphic novella that promotes flood safety. It educates readers about how to prepare for a flood and what to do in the event of a flood.

Department of Education: Lead and Manage My School: Emergency Planning (Adults)

<http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/emergencyplan/index.html>

This webpage offers resources that can help school leaders plan for emergencies of all kinds. The page provides links to reports, websites, and guides that all have to do with some aspect of school emergencies. Some of the topics include natural disasters, school violence, terrorist attacks, and illnesses in schools.

Effective Education for Disaster Risk Reduction (Adults)

<http://www.edu4drr.org/>

Effective Education for Disaster Risk Reduction (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.

FEMA: IS-909: Community Preparedness: Implementing Simple Activities for Everyone (Adults)

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is909.asp>

This interactive web-based training teaches participants the steps for planning and conducting a community-based preparedness program and helps them identify resources for supporting community-based preparedness programs. The training is intended for the whole community including emergency management personnel and representatives of faith-based and nonprofit organizations.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency: The Day the Earth Shook Video Game, K–8th Grade (Ages 5–14)

<http://www.iema.illinois.gov/EarthquakeGame/Welcome.html>

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency has ongoing efforts to spread the disaster preparedness message to the state's youth. One of these efforts is the Day the Earth Shook video game. 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.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency: Ready Schools, Pre-K–College (Ages 4–21)

<http://www.iema.illinois.gov/EarthquakeGame/Welcome.html>

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency website offers information for grades pre-K–12 and college. Available resources include a *School Safety Drills Best Practices and Procedures* DVD, tornado preparedness video and checklist, and a school emergency and crisis response plan template. College resources include information on complying with Illinois campus safety laws.

Illinois Emergency Medical Services for Children: Pediatric Preparedness Resource Catalog (Adults)

http://www.luh.s.org/depts/emsc/disaster_preparedness/PedPrepareResourceDev_2009web_V2.pdf

The Pediatric Preparedness Resource Catalog contains links to resources that have been developed in order to establish clear and well-known guidelines on the topic of pediatric preparedness. The catalog includes publications, websites, and fillable forms.

International Association for Food Protection: Before Disaster Strikes...A Guide to Food Safety in the Home (Adults)

<http://www.foodprotection.org/files/other-publications/rev-disaster-strikes.pdf>

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 the case of an emergency. In addition, this guide addresses food safety issues including how long specific food items stay fresh, how to sanitize water, and how to avoid food-related illnesses.

International Tsunami Information Center (All Ages)

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

The International Tsunami Information Center's website includes a variety of resources such as tsunami basics, glossary, awareness poster, and a toolkit. Resources are available in multiple languages.

Los Angeles Fire Department: Emergency Preparedness (Adults)

<http://www.cert-la.com/emergPrepBooklet.pdf>

This 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.

Los Angeles Unified School District: Safety Training for Emergency Preparedness at Schools (STEPS) (Adults)

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

The STEPS (Safety Training for Emergency Preparedness at Schools) website offers a series of short online courses that are designed to prepare Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) employees for emergency situations at school or work. 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.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): Education Resources, K–12th Grade (Ages 5–18)

<http://www.education.noaa.gov/CollectionArchive.html> and <http://www.education.noaa.gov/sweather.html>
(archived)

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (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.

NSF International: Scrub Club, Pre-K–2nd Grade (Ages 3–8)

<http://www.scrubclub.org>

This fun, interactive, and educational website, which is part of 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 the course of four school weeks.

Orange County Sheriff's Department (CA): Emergency Management Division (Adults)

<http://ocsd.org/divisions/fieldops/emb/>

This webpage provides preparedness information specific to Orange County, California. The page offers links to preparedness information for families, businesses, and pets and livestock.

PLAN!T NOW: Young Meteorologist Program, K–6th Grade (Ages 5–12)

<http://www.youngmeteorologist.org/>

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 now to protect 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 separate information for parents and educators.

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

<http://rems.ed.gov>

The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance (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. The TA Center disseminates information about school emergency management to help individual schools, school districts, and institutions of higher education learn more about developing, implementing, and evaluating comprehensive, all-hazards school emergency management plans. In addition, the TA Center helps the Office of Safe and Healthy Students coordinate TA meetings and share school emergency management information, and responds to direct requests for TA and training.

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

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/hcci/common/pdf/children_in_emergencies_planning_guide.pdf

This 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 the community's standard emergency operations plan and address the special needs of children. The guide provides an overview of developing documents on the role of children in emergencies, the planning process, information on the psychological effects of disasters on children, and legal considerations for working with children in disasters.

Solutions by Design: CERT for Kids: Modulo de Preparación, K–8th Grade (Ages 5–14)

<http://www.solutionspr.net/preparacion/>

CERT for Kids: Modulo de Preparación is an online interactive course in Spanish designed to teach children how to prepare for relevant disasters in their communities. Users participate in fun and engaging “missions” to learn how to prepare for disasters.

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR): “Let’s Learn to Prevent Disasters!” Educational Kit, K–6th Grade (Ages 5–12)

<http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/publications/2114>

This booklet includes activities, stories, and fun learning techniques to be used to introduce children to the topic of disasters. It includes the board game *Riskland* whereby 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 Spanish, German, Greek, Urdu, and Bangla.

U.S. Fire Administration (USFA): USFA for Kids, K–6th Grade (Ages 5–12)

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/kids/>

The USFA for Kids website provides various resources for educators, parents, and children about home fire safety. The website includes web-based games, printable coloring pages, games, quizzes, and a junior fire marshal quiz. The site also includes information on children’s fire-related product recalls.



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