

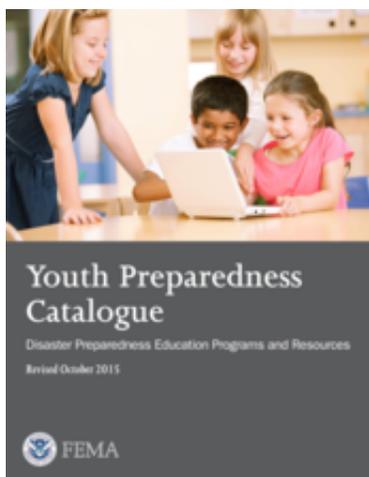
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FEMA YOUTH PREPAREDNESS CATALOGUE UPDATE



An updated version of FEMA's [Youth Preparedness Catalogue: Disaster Preparedness Education Programs and Resources](#) is now available! The catalogue identifies existing programs, curricula, and resources that may be of interest to those seeking an introduction to, or learning more about, youth preparedness programs. The catalogue describes national, regional, and state-level programs.



NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH STRENGTHEN THEIR COMMUNITIES' PREPAREDNESS



November is Native American Heritage Month, which provides a platform for tribal communities to share their culture and traditions. On Native American reservations in the United States, as elsewhere, it's important to prepare for emergencies, including natural disasters.

FEMA Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) member Hailey Starr is committed to strengthening her community on the Muckleshoot Reservation in the Pacific Northwest. In a recent [FEMA blog post](#), Amanda Osborn interviewed Hailey, who said her interest in emergency management and preparedness began when she joined the Muckleshoot Teen

Community Emergency Response Team. "I realized that the reservation isn't prepared," Hailey said. "I wanted to do something to change that." Read the [full story](#).

Hailey recently presented her work at the [National Congress of American Indians'](#) annual conference on a panel discussing emergency management. Alongside her on the panel were native youth from Sherman Indian High School, an off-reservation boarding high school for Native Americans located in Riverside, California. The high school students spoke about a [poster](#) they created to alert native peoples living in California to fault lines in the state. The poster includes a map of the fault lines, and translations of the earthquake drill "Drop! Cover! Hold On!" in all the native languages represented at the high school and in California.

TEEN CERT PROGRAM HELPS PREPARE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIAN TRIBES FOR NATURAL HAZARDS

In 2007, following catastrophic wildfires in Southern California, tribal leadership of the Kumeyaay, Luiseño, Pupeño, and Kiowa tribal groups formed the [Inter Tribal Long Term Recovery Foundation](#) to prepare residents on 17 tribal reservations for local hazards. Since youth and elders usually spend the most time on the reservation, while working adults are more often away, tribal leaders and emergency managers knew it was important to develop a Teen Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.

Fourteen teens representing the Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla Indians completed the foundation's first Teen CERT training in 2012. Since then, the Santa Ysabel Band of Kamea Indians and some youth in the foundation's AmeriCorps program have participated in Teen CERT training, as well.

"[The program] has been successful because we focus on our tribal communities, what makes them unique, and what makes them different from neighboring jurisdictions, cities, or urban areas," said the foundation's executive director Theresa Gregor. "I think it gives people a better sense of place and how to respond to what is going to happen on their land and in their homes." Learn more about the foundation and its Teen CERT program at www.itltrf.org.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE IAEM 63RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EMEX



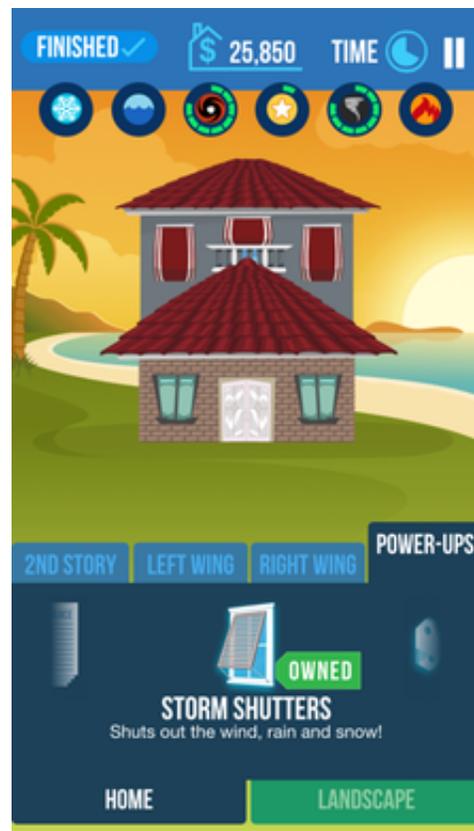
It is not too late to [register](#) for the 63rd IAEM Annual Conference, November 13–18, 2015, in Clark County, Nevada. Discover for yourself why the IAEM Annual Conference is consistently described as the premiere event for emergency managers. More than just another conference, IAEM gives you innovative ideas, opportunities to network with experts and peers, and important information on professional practices and issues. Plus, you will leave with strategies and tools that you can implement in your organization. [Learn more.](#)

Can't attend? Join the IAEM Conference via the IAEM Digital Pass, which will give you access to several live streamed and recorded keynote and plenary sessions, one recorded session in each spotlight and breakout session block, and the EMvision Talks session. Attendees who register for the full conference will receive a complimentary digital pass and can view sessions they missed in person. For complete details, view the [Digital Pass](#) page.

FLASH RELEASES LAST HOUSE STANDING APP

The nonprofit Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH®) partnership released its latest creative take on disaster safety awareness with the introduction of a children's social gaming app called [Last House Standing](#). The free smartphone and tablet app is offered by the same team that created several well-known public awareness campaigns, including StormStruck: A Tale of Two Homes®, Turn Around, Don't Drown®, and Go Tapeless®. The app provides a fun way to introduce the next generation to one central point: that how and where you build is the most fundamental element of disaster survival for families and homes.

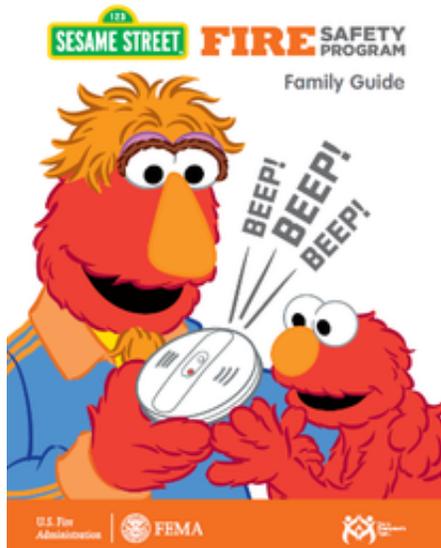
"Our goal is to introduce players to the idea that their choices help determine their level of disaster resilience," said FLASH President and CEO Leslie Chapman-Henderson. "The app does this by [presenting] serious options about whether to build using hurricane shutters or other strengthening features like metal connectors, [along with] dozens of fantasy options, from castle moats to space domes. With only three minutes and a \$100,000, players have to think fast to survive the disasters, but they learn that it can be



done."

Last House Standing is available for download in the [iTunes Store](#) and at [Google Play](#).

ELMO AND FRIENDS TEACH FIRE SAFETY



A newly released version of the Sesame Street® Fire Safety Program for preschool kids is now available! The U.S. Fire Administration, in collaboration with the Sesame Workshop, updated the program, which is designed to help educators and families teach children ages three to five essential fire safety information and skills.

Using familiar characters from Sesame Street, the Fire Safety Program illustrates ways to prevent fires and what to do if there is a fire. The program includes a teacher's guide, a family guide, a CD with songs and stories, a coloring and activity booklet, and a poster. These materials are available for free in both English and Spanish at [Sesame Street Fire Safety Program](#).

PEDIATRIC DISASTER RESPONSE AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING COURSE

The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service's (TEEX) National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center offers a Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness training course. Funded by DHS/FEMA and TEEX, this 16-hour course is provided throughout the United States and its territories at no cost to participants. By incorporating case studies and small group exercises, students can discuss concepts and share ideas about pediatric disaster preparedness with each other. Students also review their community's preparedness and identify weaknesses or gaps. They complete the course with a list of ways to bridge gaps and items to discuss and address within their communities. The course has been delivered in 27 states to more than 1,400 participants in the first year of its availability.



Contact Juan Guerrero at juan.querrero@teex.tamu.edu with any questions or to schedule the course in your community. See also the course listing on the [TEEX website](#).

INTERACTIVE FAMILY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM FROM SAVE THE CHILDREN AND PRIMROSE SCHOOLS

This September and October, Save the Children's Get Ready Get Safe initiative partnered with Primrose Schools® to help families prepare for emergencies. The nine-week series guided families through a [preparedness checklist](#) with blog posts, short videos, and resources to make emergency

planning easy. Use [this great series](#) to prepare your own family and share with your schools and communities! Families start by taking a pledge and then create a home plan, build disaster supply kits, and note their emergency contacts.



NEW INFLUENZA PREVENTION RESOURCES FROM THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

Each year, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) aims to support health care providers and others who care for children to employ influenza prevention and control strategies in order to increase influenza immunization rates, promote early and aggressive treatment, and support an improved infrastructure for influenza outbreaks or pandemics. AAP developed a new influenza prevention and control [infographic](#) to emphasize the importance of influenza vaccination and treatment in children, especially those at highest risk. Other new influenza resources include:

- Policy statement “[Recommendations for Prevention and Control of Influenza in Children, 2015–2016](#)” shares that children with chronic medical conditions are at an increased risk of complications from influenza.
- Archived webinar “[How to Prevent and Control Pediatric Influenza](#)” discusses strategies that clinicians can use to improve influenza prevention and control in children at highest risk.
- “What’s the Latest with the Flu” monthly messaging series for [clinicians](#) and [child care providers](#) offers a quick snapshot that addresses the current situation with the flu and offers links back to AAP and/or CDC resources.
- [Fact sheet](#) with strategies to prepare early education and child care programs for influenza.

For more information on AAP influenza prevention and control or other disaster preparedness and response activities, visit www.aap.org/disasters or e-mail DisasterReady@aap.org.

PROTECT CHILDREN FROM INFLUENZA

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) emphasize the importance of influenza vaccination and treatment in children of highest risk. Share key messages with your colleagues.

1. GET VACCINATED

This season's flu vaccine includes either 3 strains (trivalent) or 4 strains (quadrivalent). These are strains that are anticipated to circulate in the US this flu season. There is no preference for trivalent or quadrivalent vaccine.

The trivalent vaccine protects against 1 strain from last year and 2 new strains. These are:

- Influenza A (H1N1)
- Influenza A (H3N2) - New
- Influenza B - New

The quadrivalent vaccine has the same 3 strains as the trivalent vaccine and a B strain (of the opposite lineage).

Mandatory vaccination programs for health care personnel achieve higher immunization rates. Put the health of the patients first!

2. SAFEGUARD INFANTS AND CHILDREN AT RISK

Urge vaccination of people who care for infants younger than 6 months of age (who are too young to receive the seasonal flu vaccine). This "cocooning" reduces the risk of contagion.

Vaccinate Everyone → Less Infections in Community → Decreased Children's Exposure to Illness → Increased Infection Control Practices

Talk with parents to have a plan to ensure that children with chronic medical conditions are vaccinated as soon as flu vaccine is available and are treated early with antiviral medications if they become ill. Special effort should also be made to vaccinate women who are pregnant, considering pregnancy, in the postpartum period, or are breastfeeding.

3. PARTNER WITH CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Most young children are enrolled in Head Start or other early education and child care settings. Reach out to child care providers to discuss the importance of influenza vaccination and infection control practices.

4. KEEP CURRENT ON POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

A) AAP Recommendations for Prevention and Control of Influenza in Children, 2015-2016

B) AAP Influenza Immunization for All Health Care Personnel: Keep it Mandatory

C) CDC Prevention and Control of Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, United States, 2015-16 Influenza Season

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