



The National Emergency Child Locator Center (NECLC)

The National Emergency Child Locator Center (NECLC or Center) was established in collaboration with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to support state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) governments and law enforcement agencies in tracking and locating children who have become separated from their parents or guardians as a result of a Presidentially-declared disaster.

Authorities

Stafford Act §§ 402, 403; 5 U.S.C. § 552(a) et Seq.; 6 U.S.C. §§ 774-5; 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170a-b.

Responsibilities of FEMA Mass Care/Emergency Assistance (MC/EA)

Pre-Incident

- The Center is managed by the NCMEC facility, with support from FEMA. Its mission is to help locate displaced children and help reunite them with their families.
- FEMA signed a Memorandum of Understanding in February 2007 with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the American Red Cross, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Health and Human Services to enhance the sharing of information concerning people displaced because of disasters.

Response and Recovery

- During an event with large numbers of displaced people, the Center operates a call center and website for people to report or request information on a missing child. The Center works with local authorities to assist locating and reunifying children with their families. During catastrophic disasters, the Center will deploy staff to shelters, coordinate reunification efforts with local law enforcement and human service agencies, and help shelters ensure the safety of unaccompanied children.
- FEMA and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children work closely with local and tribal governments and law enforcement officials to facilitate the reunification of families and children in the wake of major disasters.

Triggers for Implementation

- Presidential Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance, Category B
- Emergency Disaster Declaration

Tools and Resources

- [Multi-Agency Reunification Services Plan Template](#)
- [Post Disaster Reunification of Children - A Nationwide Approach](#)
- [National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System Fact Sheet](#)
- [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children](#)
 - [National Emergency Child Locator Center Fact Sheet](#)
 - [Unaccompanied Minors Registry](#)
- [American Red Cross Safe and Well](#)

Contracts and Agreements

Contract/Agreement	Type
National Center for Missing and exploited Children BPA	Contract

FEMA's Mission: Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

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