



## Office of Children and Family Services

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Governor

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Acting Commissioner

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Dear Provider,

Each year, September is recognized as National Preparedness Month (NPM). Although the need to prepare for the many types of emergencies that could affect us where we live and work is constant, NPM provides a perfect opportunity for child care programs to evaluate their existing level of emergency planning and preparedness, and consider how to improve on it. The resources below are intended to help you identify ways to enhance the preparedness for your program, the families you serve, and the staff you may employ.

**Planning Resources for child care programs and families:**

[Be Red Cross Ready](#)

[Family and Child Care Planning Tools from Save the Children](#)

[Make a Plan at Ready.Gov](#)

[Ready.Gov Resources for Parents of Young Children](#)

**Resources for discussing preparedness with children:**

[Mark Trail Weather Cartoons](#)

[Ready.Gov Kids](#)

[Save the Children Prep Steps Preschool Lessons](#)

[Save the Children Prep Steps Resource Page](#)

**Free notification systems to help you stay informed and think about preparedness:**

[FEMA.gov Ready App](#)

[NYALERT](#)

**A free on-line training which counts for 2 hours on safety and security procedures:**

[Multi-hazard Planning for Childcare](#)

Your commitment to promoting the health and safety of children in your care is critically important. We hope that these resources are useful to you as you think about the preparedness of your program. If you have questions about the regulatory requirements or need assistance in updating your emergency plan, contact your licensor/registrar.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice Molnar".

Janice M. Molnar Ph.D.  
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