

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

In the event a hurricane or other national disaster is impending for our area, the following guidance is provided to families seeking services that are pregnant or with children ages 0-3. For the most current information on any impending disaster, visit <https://www.floridadisaster.org/>.

PLANNING

Before the disaster, each family needs a disaster plan. Families can complete their own plan, customizable to them through the Florida Department of Health website at:

<https://apps.floridadisaster.org/getaplan/family.aspx> or they can use the Red Cross template below. In addition, a “ready to go kit” is essential for optimal health and safety during the event. The FEMA guidance attached is helpful for families to customize their own plan. On page 5 of the FEMA guide is the supplies handout.

If you receive home visiting services from Healthy Start or Nurse Family Partnership in Calhoun, Liberty, Jackson, Holmes and Washington Counties, your home visitor will assist in developing this disaster plan and review of the FEMA guidance. *You will be contacted by your home visitor to make sure there are no immediate needs as the disaster approaches and before the situation becomes dangerous.*

CHARGE YOUR CELL PHONE FULLY BEFORE YOU EXPECT POWER TO BE OUT

DURING THE STORM/EVENT

Home visitors, like families, are encouraged to have their own plan, make arrangements for their own family, and adhere to the local warnings, evacuations notices, and advisories. Therefore, home visiting services are not available during a disaster. It is imperative that you make sure you have contacted your home visitor with any emergent needs before the storm or impending disaster. For emergency assistance during the event, shelters are available in each county.

AFTER THE STORM/EVENT

Your home visitor will contact you after the event, to verify your safety and evaluate your needs. If you have not heard from your home visitor within 24 hours of the end of the storm/event, contact the following numbers:

- Healthy Start, Calhoun County : (850) 674-5645
- Healthy Start, Liberty County: (850) 643-2415
- Healthy Start, Holmes: (850) 547-8500
- Healthy Start, Washington: (850) 638-6240
- Healthy Start, Jackson County: (850) 526-3002
- Nurse Family Partnership, Jackson County: (850) 868-0546



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Family Disaster Plan

Family Last Name(s) or Household Address:

Date:

Family Member/Household Contact Info (If needed, additional space is provided in #10 below):

Name

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email:

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Pet(s) Info:

Name:

Type:

Color:

Registration #:

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Plan of Action

1. The disasters most likely to affect our household are:

2. What are the escape routes from our home?

3. If separated during an emergency, what is our meeting place near our home?

If we cannot return home or are asked to evacuate, what is our meeting place outside of our neighborhood?

What is our route to get there and an alternate route, if the first route is impassible?

4. In the event our household is separated or unable to communicate with each other, our emergency contact outside of our immediate area is:

Name

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email:

After a disaster, let your friends and family know you are okay by registering at "Safe and Well" at <https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/> or by calling 1-800-733-2767. You can also give them a call, send a quick text or update your status on social networking sites.

5. If at school/daycare, our child(ren) will be evacuated to:

Child's Name:

Evacuation Site (address and contact info):

6. Our plan for people in our household with a disability or special need is:

Person's Name:

Plan:

7. During certain emergencies local authorities may direct us to "shelter in place" in our home. An accessible, safe room where we can go, seal windows, vents and doors and listen to emergency broadcasts for instructions, is:

8. Family Member Responsibilities in the Event of a Disaster

Task	Description	Family Member Responsible
Disaster Kit*	Stock the disaster kit and take it if evacuation is necessary. Include items you might want to take to an evacuation shelter. Remember to include medications and eye glasses.	
Be informed	Maintain access to NOAA or local radio, TV, email or text alerts for important and current information about disasters.	
Family Medical Information	Make sure the household medical information is taken with us if evacuation is necessary.	
Financial Information	Obtain copies of bank statements and cash in the event ATMs and credit cards do not work due to power outages. Bring copies of utility bills as proof of residence in applying for assistance.	
Pet Information	Evacuate our pet(s), keep a phone list of pet-friendly motels and animal shelters, and assemble and take the pet disaster kit.	
Sharing and Maintaining the Plan	Share the completed plan with those who need to know. Meet with household members every 6 months or as needs change to update household plan.	

*What supplies and records should go in your disaster kit? Visit www.redcross.org

9. Other information, if not able to be included above.

Congratulations on completing your family disaster plan! Please tell others: "We've made a family disaster plan and you can, too, with help from the American Red Cross."

Get the facts about what you should do if an emergency or disaster occurs at www.redcross.org