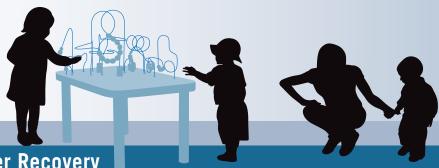
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Protecting Children During Disaster Recovery

A child's environment can have a direct impact on their health and wellbeing. Harmful exposures can happen when children spend time in places that have not been carefully assessed during a disaster response. During disaster recovery planning, consider these questions to protect children's health in your community:

WHERE WILL CHILDREN SPEND TIME OUTSIDE THEIR HOME AFTER A DISASTER?

Early care and education (ECE) facilities, camps, and recreation areas all have unique regulations and differences. Understanding these differences is important when planning for disaster recovery because they affect how you should respond.



HOW CAN SAFE SITING INFORM THE DISASTER RECOVERY PLANNING PROCESS?



Elements of safe siting:

- 1. Former use of the site
- 2. Migration of contaminants
- 3. Naturally occurring contaminants
- 4. Access to safe drinking water

Considering and identifying the four elements early in disaster recovery planning, can help reduce environmental exposures children may face after disasters.

WHAT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ISSUES ARE EXPECTED AFTER A DISASTER?

Understanding environmental health issues (such as mold growth after a flood) will help you address and diminish possible exposures among children.







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Learn more about how you can protect the children in your community with ATSDR's CSPECE Disaster Recovery