

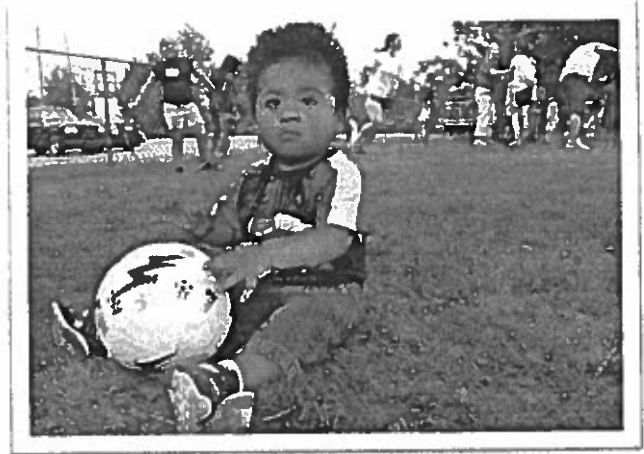
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Each day in the U.S. more than 17.5 million children are cared for outside the home and 90 percent live in an area at risk of natural disasters. But disaster can strike anywhere at any time, including the many hours children are separated from their families and in childcare settings. Save the Children wants to ensure that all child care workers are equipped with skills and resources needed to protect children and provide for their unique needs when disasters strike.



### **Save the Children's Child Care**

**Emergency Preparedness Training** is designed to help child care providers develop and implement robust emergency plans that cater to the specific needs of their program. Written by Save the Children's nationally recognized emergency experts, the course teaches participants best practices in evacuation, relocation and family re-unification. The curriculum also provides guidance for practical applications to improve overall emergency protocol.

### **Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:**

- Identify hazards and risks at their child care site.
- Create a written plan that addresses the emergency needs of their program.
- Communicate, practice, and update their emergency plan on a regular basis.

The four-hour course is available in-person or online to child care owners, administrators and staff for programs of all affiliations and sizes, including center-based programs, family child care providers, service organizations, sports programs, faith-based programs, and before- and after-school and summer programs.

Improve your skills and take your practice to the next level by ensuring that all the children in your care will be protected during emergencies.

To complete the Save the Children's Child Care Emergency Preparedness Training through the U.S. Center for Child Development and Resiliency visit:  
[www.savethechildren.org/uscenter-childcare](http://www.savethechildren.org/uscenter-childcare)

You will be prompted to register as a user upon requesting the course, and at checkout, can enter the code: **Sandy**

This will cover 100% of the cost of the training. It is only valid for Child Care Emergency Preparedness Online Training.