

Children and Disaster Caucus!



Mission Statement of the CAD

The IAEM-USA Children and Disaster Caucus exists to advocate for and facilitate the inclusion of the needs of children in emergency planning and response before, during, and after emergencies. We accomplish this by identifying issues related to children and disasters, working to identify solutions to those issues, and sharing the issues and solutions with the broader emergency management community. To this end, **we collaborate with other organizations committed to the well-being and safety of children who may be affected by disasters.** We endeavor to ensure the widest possible network for both identification of smart practices and dissemination of useful information and solutions throughout the emergency management family.

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Visit us at www.iaem.com/cad

- We have been around since 2010
- Check out our Caucus' extensive library of links on our members-only page
- We meet every other month – 6 times/year
- As with all committees and caucuses, you must be an active IAEM member to join
- We are always seeking new members who want to make a real-world difference for families before, during and after disasters

Projects in 2023

- Continue to be the subject-matter expert for the IAEM on children and disaster issues/concerns
- Explore how we can help FEMA/DHS with the new HSCA and other national items (see above)
- Investigate better synergies and collaboration with our other aligned IAEM groups (K-12 Education, Universities & Colleges, & Healthcare)

HOT NEWS!

On June 6, 2022, President Biden signed the *Homeland Security for Children Act* which “requires the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to ensure the **needs of children** are considered in homeland security planning. DHS is required to incorporate the disaster needs of children in mission planning and execution, **including by consulting with organizations representing the needs of children whenever possible.**”

Homeland Security Today, June 6, 2022

The Children and Disaster Caucus plans on being the group representing the IAEM-USA. We have worked for more than two years on potential initiatives for FEMA and DHS to review and consider. **Want to learn more? Join us at our meeting at this conference live!**

Live CAD meeting HERE – 11/15 5pm

We will be meeting in-person (and hopefully on the web at the same time) in Room 205 on Tuesday, November 15th at 5pm. Please join us!