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National Updates on Pediatric Feeding in Disasters

This poster covers the updates through April 2025 for the U.S. Pediatric Feeding Concerns in Disasters. In 2023 Jennifer Russell presented this problem to the IAEM-USA's Children and Disaster caucus, when Michael Prasad, CEM(was the chair at the time. Prasad and Russell wrote a journal article for the Domestic Preparedness Journal, which was published in 2023. They also wrote a full e-book chapter, which came out in 2024. In that same timeframe the National Mass Care Strategy was updated to include new details, and the paradigm shift in considering pediatric feeding as part of Mass Care. Finally, one of the huge successes they had was the Public Assistance Policy and Program Guide or PAPPG from FEMA was updated in early January 2025, to include breastfeeding and chest feeding language. The future for this voluntary advocacy work is to continue to resolve any perceived roadblocks to success at the non-federal level; and we will press forward for federal support of needed durable medical equipment, consumable medical supplies and personal assistance services in support of local governments before, during and after any scale of disasters. It is also to promote our advocacy everywhere, including direct conversations with states, local governments, tribes, and territories - anybody who is interested in being part of local solutions.

Presentation Theme: Pracademic change management towards national problems in Emergency Management, using a deliberative planning process.

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