

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

In the event a hurricane or other natural disaster or event 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.

If you receive home visiting services from Healthy Start or Healthy Families in Jefferson, Madison and Taylor 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

To find out the latest information in each county, make sure you have the local Emergency Management contacts in your phone before the storm/event:

Jefferson County –Director Paula Carroll

Email: paula.carroll@jcso-fl.org 850-342-0211

Madison County - Phone: 850-973-3698 | E-mail: madisoncoem@embarqmail.com

Taylor County – Coordinator, J.W. Louk 850-838-3574

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:

Jefferson County – Jefferson Somerset School, 50 David Rd, Monticello, FL. For more information, contact the Jefferson County Health Department at 850-342-0170.

Madison County – Madison County Central School, 2093 W US Hwy 90, Madison, FL. For more information, contact the Madison County Health Department, responsible party for opening the shelter at 850-973-5000.

Taylor County – Taylor County Elementary School, 1600 East Green St, Perry, FL. Contact the Taylor County Health Department for more information at 850-584-5087.

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, Jefferson County : 850-427-4009
- Healthy Start, Madison County: 850-601-6179
- Healthy Start, Taylor County: 850-223-5117
- Healthy Families – Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton and Lafayette Counties: 850-948-2741 Or 850-843-0158



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:

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Pet(s) Info:

Name:

Type:

Color:

Registration #:

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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?

4. 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?

5. 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.

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

Child's Name:

Evacuation Site (address and contact info):

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

Person's Name:

Plan:

8. 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:

9. 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*

10. 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

