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Pediatric Issues in Disasters and Emergencies

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The purpose of this introductory course is to provide an overview of pediatric issues that should be considered before, during, and after emergencies. In this course, the definition of disaster is all-hazards; some of the topics covered include: keeping children safe from violence after a disaster, basic preparatory measures that caregivers should take in case of family separation due to disaster, and issues related to the pediatric health care system.

Nursing CEU's will be available (7.9 contact hours)

Learning Objectives

- Compare and contrast pediatric physical and mental health needs to physical and mental health needs of adults
- Identify basic precautions that could be taken to protect children during times of disaster (specifically in sheltering situations)
- Identify basic preparatory measures that caregivers should take in the case of family separation due to disasters or emergencies
- Identify unique issues related to the pediatric health care system (hospital care) and emergencies

Competencies

- Describe the public health role in emergency response in a range of emergencies that might arise.
- Describe his/her functional role(s) in emergency response and demonstrate his/her role(s) in regular drills.
- Recognize unusual events that might indicate an emergency and describe appropriate action (e.g., communicate clearly within the chain of command.)

* *Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness*

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