



PARTNERSHIP FOR  
**STRONG  
FAMILIES**

## Tip Sheet

### Disaster Response

It is important to be prepared in the event of disaster. Storms, flooding and wildfires are some of the most common reasons the Disaster Response Protocol is required to be initiated. The agency is required to account for all children under supervision.

#### PSF Pre-Event Response:

- Calls are made to caregivers for all children under supervision of the agency (when the nature of the disaster allows) to:
  - Make sure the caregiver is aware of the pending event.
  - Review the family's evacuation plan.
  - Provide all phone numbers you can be reached at, including alternate numbers.
  - Assess and plan for any needs or safety concerns.

#### PSF Post-Event Response:

- Calls are made to caregivers for all children under supervision of the agency to:
  - Make sure the children and caregivers are safe.
  - Learn of any injury or damage sustained and assess how that impacts the safety of the family.
  - Offer support to families impacted by the event.

#### Preparedness Tips for Caregivers:

- Have a family plan for evacuation in place (including pets).
- Be ready to put your disaster response/evacuation plan into action.
- Pay attention to local weather reports on radio, television, or the internet.
- Be prepared to secure your home in the event it is necessary.
- Have plenty of food, water, medications, and fuel on hand.
- Make sure your tools, supplies and first aid kit are available for use.
- If called to evacuate, do so immediately.
- Remain indoors until all danger of the storm has passed.
- Report downed power lines and stay away from them as down lines may still be, or become live.
- Never drive through flood areas.

#### Important Numbers:

**888-886-1229**

352-226-4675

352-535-3150

352-363-0128

904-964-7920 X0238

850-570-9716

352-318-6947

352-244-1520

386-208-9121

352-262-0871

**Toll Free number for Partner Families to report post disaster status**

Case Management On-Call Alachua

Case Management On-Call Dixie/Levy/Gilchrist

Case Management On-Call Columbia

Case Management On-Call Baker/Bradford/Union

Case Management On-Call Madison/Taylor/Suwannee/Lafayette/Hamilton

Partner Family Advocate

Placement On-Call

Licensing Supervisor

Licensing Manager

#### Resources:

[http://www.floridadisaster.org/about\\_the\\_division.htm](http://www.floridadisaster.org/about_the_division.htm)

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/preparedness/index.asp>

<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/90354>

Be patient in the aftermath of a disaster. Things may take a little while to return to normal.