

# Midwest Early Recovery Fund: Supporting Children in Disaster

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# Moderator and Opening Remarks



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# Midwest Low Attention Disasters

## The Midwest Low Attention Disasters – Children's Working Group

- Save the Children
- Camp Noah – LSSMN
- Child Care Aware America
- LDR Consortium – LSSMN/LSSSD/LSSND/LFCS of MO
- CDP – Midwest Early Recovery Fund



# Getting Started!



# Purpose

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To develop strategic partners with resources to support children (and their caregivers) prepare for and recover from natural disasters in the Midwest.

# The Challenge

- ❑ Studies have been completed recognizing that children are highly affected by experiencing and recovering from natural disasters.
- ❑ Unfortunately, services and programs that could support the recovery of children (either during preparation or recovery) are not well understood or easily accessible.
- ❑ Funders interested in supporting children after a disaster rarely understand what programs exist to mitigate the impact on children and/or how to connect their resources to those agencies who have programs and services to support children before and after a natural disaster.

# Objective

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Gather multiple stakeholders to form a Midwest Children's Working Group to develop a list of resources for children and their caregivers and a process to engage partners to deliver those programs to communities in the Midwest.

# Anticipated Outcomes

- 1) Communities, funders and NGO's will better understand what resources are available to them to support children before and after a natural disaster.
- 2) Stories and testimonials about successful grant making to serve children during recovery.
- 3) A Resource guide for children's services before and during recovery from a natural disaster, where and how they are available and how to have access to/fund those projects.

# Child Care Aware of America



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## WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

*Child Care Aware® of America uses our relationships, data, and technology to help communities understand the landscape of child care following an emergency.*



### DETERMINING NEED

We help CCR&R organizations and their partners determine needs by conducting damage assessment surveys and direct outreach.



### MAPPING THE IMPACT

By harnessing our unique GIS mapping capabilities, we can show the location and status of child care providers to aid first responders, emergency management officials, and CCR&Rs.



### LOCATING TEMPORARY CARE

We help CCR&R organizations identify which child care programs have extra capacity so that more displaced children can receive care during critical times of rebuilding and recovery.



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## August 25, 2017: Harvey Hits

### Triage and Coordination

- Organizational continuity and respite care
- Recognition of potential devastation to regional early education and care network
- Situation defined by emerging needs and gaps: information, staffing platforms, assistance resources and processes, and defined partnership models
- Focus on creating clarity where possible

**Jerry Kenney**

The Collaborative for  
Children

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# Initial Meeting Themes

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- ❑ Investment in current programming/services at the local level to support children is vital.
- ❑ Gaps exist in data and research that connect the disaster impact on children to the ongoing and disaster-caused needs of the whole community.
- ❑ Time, tools, funding, and access to existing and emerging programs/services are challenges that need to be addressed.

# Working Group Activities

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- Develop a working list of what, where and how children's resources can be made available to communities before and after a natural disaster.
- Develop a list of resources needed but not yet identified.
- Develop an “ask” process to engage funders and partners in supporting the work of our partners.

# Join the Conversation

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- ❑ Submit your resources, programs, and ideas—  
What are you doing? What are the outcomes?
- ❑ Submit your stories and testimonials about  
successful grant making to serve children during  
recovery.
- ❑ Submit to Nancy Beers,  
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# Q and A

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# Questions ?

The **Midwest Early Recovery Fund** is a signature project of the Center for Disaster Philanthropy. Your comments, interest, and involvement are welcome as we work together to have a lasting impact on disaster-affected communities across the globe.

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