Congressional Briefing
Enhancing Disaster Preparedness for Children: ASPR Pediatric Disaster Care Centers of Excellence
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The ongoing novel Coronavirus public health emergency, severe flu season, and the increasing number of severe natural disasters require specific approaches to ensuring our health care system is prepared to meet the needs of children. When disaster strikes, minimizing the impacts of children’s exposure to infectious diseases, trauma, and other hazards is a challenge for healthcare facilities and stresses the ability of the healthcare system as a whole to respond. Pediatric care requires specialized equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals that may not be readily available in an emergency.

In June 2019, the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) announced two Pediatric Disaster Care Centers of Excellence that aim to ensure that a national system is available to care for children in the wake of a disaster. Please join us to learn more about these two Pediatric Centers of Excellence from the ASPR and representatives from two sites and what you can do to support pediatric disaster preparedness.

Speakers:

- Robert Kadlec, MD, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services;
- Mark Del Monte, JD, CEO and Executive Vice President, American Academy of Pediatrics;
- Deanna Dahl Grove, MD, FAAP, Associate Professor, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital representing the Eastern Great Lakes Pediatric Consortium for Disaster Response; and
- Michael Anderson, MD, MBA, FAAP, President, UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospitals representing the Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Medicine

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This will be a widely attended event.