



Child Care Emergency Preparedness— Survey Questions

National Poll on Children's Health

Questions were answered by parents with a child age 0-5.

Q1. What type(s) of child care or preschool does your child attend?

1. Child care center
2. Preschool within an elementary school building
3. Preschool NOT within an elementary school building
4. In-home child care provider (not within my home)
5. None
6. Other

Q2. What type of child care or preschool does your child attend most often?

1. Child care center
2. Preschool within an elementary school building
3. Preschool NOT within an elementary school building
4. In-home child care provider (not within my home)

For the next set of questions, "child's center" will be used to refer to a child care center, preschool or in-home care provider your child attends most often.

Q3. How confident are you with the ability of your child's center to deal with the following situations?

Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not confident
1	2	3

1. Power outage
2. Severe weather (such as a tornado, blizzard, hurricane)
3. Evacuation (due to fire, flood, chemical, or gas leak)
4. Lock down for a violent situation at the center or in the community
5. Delayed parent pick-up (more than 2 hours) due to severe weather or traffic

Q4. Has your child's center experienced any of the following situations within the past two years?

Yes	No	Unsure
1	2	3

1. Power outage
2. Severe weather (such as a tornado, blizzard, hurricane)
3. Evacuation (due to fire, flood, chemical, or gas leak)
4. Lock down for a violent situation at the center or in the community
5. Delayed parent pick-up (more than 2 hours) due to severe weather or traffic

Q5. Does your child's center have a specific plan in place for the following?

Yes	No	Unsure
1	2	3

1. Power outage
2. Severe weather (such as a tornado, blizzard, hurricane)
3. Evacuation (due to fire, flood, chemical, or gas leak)
4. Lock down for a violent situation at the center or in the community
5. Delayed parent pick-up (more than 2 hours) due to severe weather or traffic

Q6. In the event of an emergency that required evacuation of your child's center, do you know where you would meet your child?

Yes..... 1
No 2
Not Sure..... 3

Q7. Does your child's center have the following supplies for emergency situations?

Yes	No	Unsure
1	2	3

1. Battery-operated radio
2. Extra supply of food/formula
3. Extra supply of water
4. First aid supplies
5. Self-sufficient power source (generator)

Q8. Does your child's center have the following?

Yes	No	Unsure
1	2	3

1. Child's emergency contact and health information stored digitally
2. Emergency plan(s) available online for parents

Q9. Does your child's center have the following if an evacuation was necessary?

Yes	No	Unsure
1	2	3

1. A method of identifying children (name tag, picture ID badge)
2. A method to ensure safe pick-up of children (such as a parent ID check)
3. A plan for rapid communication of emergency evacuation plans to parents (via text/cell phone/email)
4. Car seats/vehicles if an evacuation is necessary

Q10. For your child's center, which of the following activities have you or your child's other parent attended?

Yes	No	Unsure
1	2	3

1. Discussion of emergency plan at parent meeting/open house
2. Special parent training that included practicing the emergency plan
3. Meetings with local public safety (fire department or police) about the emergency plan

Participants were also asked demographic questions on gender, race/ethnicity, annual household income, education and insurance status.

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