VISION
All communities are prepared to meet the needs of children during and after disasters, public health emergencies, and crises.

MISSION
Promote community, professional, and family readiness to ensure the health and safety of all children during and after disasters, public health emergencies, and crises.

OBJECTIVES
In addition to the general objectives of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) as set forth in its Constitution, the objectives of this council are to:

1. **Improve the Care of Children by:**
   A. Maintaining a strong connection with federal advisory committees/agencies to enhance planning and care for children in disasters and ensuring that children’s issues are addressed in federal documents, regulations, and legislation.
   B. Advancing equity and addressing inequities in the management of disasters at federal, state, or other levels as it relates to children, especially those of communities or backgrounds that may be historically marginalized or disadvantaged, or otherwise disproportionately affected by a specific disaster or environmental conditions related to disasters.
   C. Providing an educational forum for the discussion of the unique physical, mental, behavioral, developmental, communication, therapeutic, and social needs of children that must be addressed and met in all aspects of the disaster spectrum.
   D. Stimulating research in, and the teaching of, appropriate care for children in a disaster, public health emergency, or crisis.
   E. Disseminating knowledge of pediatric contributions to improving the care of children throughout the disaster spectrum through Academy channels to the medical and public health profession at large.

2. **Serve in a Consulting Capacity to the AAP Board of Directors and to Make Recommendations for advocacy strategies, programs, policy statements, and other actions across the disaster spectrum that affect children and families.**

3. **Stimulate Programs for the Education of Members and Others who Might care for Children During or After a Disaster to Ensure Appropriate Care for Children in a Disaster, Public Health Emergency, or Crisis.**

4. **Foster and Support Training of Members Interested in Pursuing Professional Activities in Disaster Medicine.**

5. **Maintain Liaisons and Partnerships with Entities Internal and External to the Academy that have Significant Mutually Inclusive Goals.**

6. **Improve the Ability of the AAP and its Chapters to Continue Operations and Address the Personal and Professional Needs of Members and the Children/Families they Care for Before, During, and after Disasters.**