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The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council (DPAC) is pleased to provide you with information on its activities. For more information on the DPAC, including a list of members and liaisons, see the AAP Disaster Preparedness Advisory Council. Also see the AAP DPAC Strategic Plan for Disaster Preparedness 2016–2020.

New Releases

HHS Releases 2019-2022 National Health Security Strategy
The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) released the 2019-2022 National Health Security Strategy (NHSS) to provide a vision to strengthen the nation’s ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and emergencies. The NHSS Implementation Plan and the NHSS Evaluation of Progress are also available.

Pediatric Considerations Before, During, and After Radiological/Nuclear Emergencies
The AAP released an updated policy statement and technical report titled, “Pediatric Considerations Before, During, and After Radiological/Nuclear Emergencies”. These documents offer guidance and recommendations for the management of children in a radiologic disaster.

Disaster-Specific AAP Policy and Publications
The AAP maintains a comprehensive list of AAP Policies and Publications that cover disaster preparedness and response topics. This Web page includes resources on adjustment and coping, general preparedness, hospital/emergency care, infectious diseases, natural disasters, preparedness in schools, and terrorism/agents.

Pediatric Preparedness Exercises and Drills
The AAP Pediatric Disaster Preparedness and Response Topical Collection includes a chapter on Pediatric Preparedness Exercises. This chapter highlights the importance of including pediatric components in community, state, and federal disaster exercises and drills. A variety of types of exercises are highlighted in this chapter, including discussion-based exercises and operations-based exercises. Exercises provide opportunities for education and discovery of potential problems in advance of a disaster.
**Educational/Training**
Visit the AAP [Upcoming Events](#) Web page for additional information on the events below.

**Advanced Pediatric Emergency Medicine Assembly**
**Date:** March 19–21, 2019  
**Location:** Anaheim, CA  
[Register for the Assembly](#)

**2019 Preparedness Summit: The Evolving Threat Environment**
**Date:** March 26–29, 2019  
**Location:** St Louis, MO

Save $100 by [registering](#) before February 8, 2019. The AAP will convene 5 sessions at the conference:

1. **Session Title:** Zika Takeaways: Innovations to Improve Emergency Readiness Teamwork  
   **Date:** Tuesday, March 26, 2019  
   **Time:** 1:30pm – 3:00pm
2. **Session Title:** Preparing for Pediatric Surge: Collaboration, Cooperation, and Coalitions—Solutions Within Reach!  
   **Date:** Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
   **Time:** 1:30pm – 3:00pm
3. **Poster Title:** Maryland Pediatric Disaster Preparedness - Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis  
   **Date:** Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
   **Time:** 12:30pm – 3:30pm
4. **Session Title:** 3 Stories: Adapting Exercises to Include Children and Improve Outcomes  
   **Date:** Thursday, March 28, 2019  
   **Time:** 3:30pm – 5:00pm
5. **Session Title:** Reunification Planning: Innovations to Guide Hospital, Emergency Management, and Public Health Collaborations  
   **Date:** Thursday, March 28, 2019  
   **Time:** 4:45pm – 5:30pm

**AAP Legislative Conference**
**Date:** April 7–9, 2019  
**Location:** Washington, DC

[Register for the Legislative Conference now](#)! This important event brings together pediatricians, residents, and medical students from across the country who share a passion for child health advocacy. At the conference, participants attend skills-building workshops, hear from guest speakers, learn about policy priorities impacting children and pediatricians, and visit Capitol Hill to urge Congress to support strong child health policies. This conference features a Pediatric Subspecialty Advocacy Track with specific legislative and skills building workshops focused on the interests and needs of pediatric medical subspecialists and surgical specialists.

**NACCHO Annual Public Health Conference**
**Date:** July 9–11, 2019  
**Location:** Orlando, FL

[Register for the Conference now](#)! The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) annual conference is a premier public health conference that offers an opportunity for local health department staff, partners, funders, and individuals invested in local public health to share the latest research, ideas, strategies and innovations. The theme, “Improving the Nation’s Health through Public and Private Partnerships,” will highlight the importance of cross-sector partnerships to improve health outcomes in communities throughout the country.

For more information on AAP disaster preparedness and response initiatives, see [www.aap.org/disasters](http://www.aap.org/disasters) or e-mail [DisasterReady@aap.org](mailto:DisasterReady@aap.org).
