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National Pediatric Readiness Project Update

The National Pediatric Readiness Project is a multi-phase quality improvement initiative designed to ensure that all U.S. emergency departments (ED) have the essential guidelines and resources in place to provide effective emergency care to children. The project seeks to establish a baseline of the nation's capacity to provide care to children in the ED, to create a foundation for EDs to engage in an ongoing quality improvement process which includes implementing the 2009 Guidelines for the Care of Children in the Emergency Department, and to establish a benchmark that measures an ED's improvement overtime. This project is jointly supported by the Federal Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for Children Program, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), and the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA). Available at: <http://www.pediatricreadiness.org/>

Safe Trick or Treat

Indiana EMSC will be participating in the Decatur Township Fire Department Safe Trick or Treat event on October 31, 2012 located at Decatur Township Fire Department; 5410 S. High School Road, 5:30 -8:00 pm. Remember to wear reflective clothing; consider adding reflective tape to costumes, carry flashlights, and always accompany children in neighborhoods while trick or treating. Only visit homes where the porch light is on and remind children to never enter a home or car for a treat.

Save the Children Releases Annual Disaster Report

Save the Children released its fifth annual National Report Card on Protecting Children during Disasters. The report analyzes four basic disaster preparedness and safety standards for children including: planning for evacuating children in childcare, planning for reuniting families after a disaster, planning for children with disabilities and those with access and functional needs, and planning for multi-hazards for K-12 school populations. In order for states to meet these benchmarks, states must require all regulated childcare settings to have written plans for evacuation and relocation, for family reunification following an emergency, as well as a specific plan to assist children with special healthcare needs. In addition, states must ensure the K-12 school population is cared for in the event of a disaster.

Available at: <http://www.savethechildren.org>

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