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Preparing for Hurricane Season

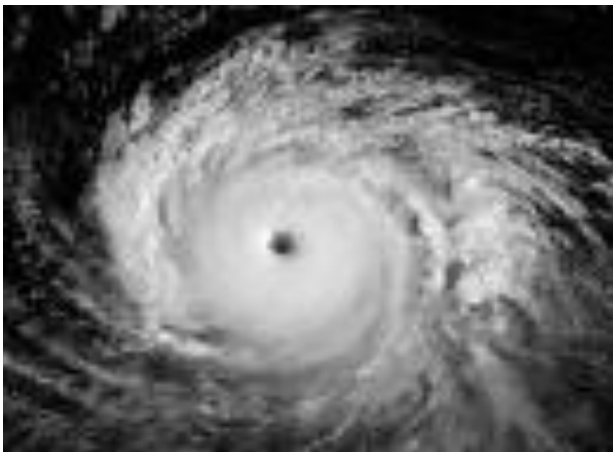
June 1st marks the beginning of the Atlantic Hurricane Season, so now is the best time to prepare. If your child care facility doesn't have a Hurricane Plan, it is time to make one. Use the plan as a guide for preparing staff and classrooms for hurricanes (taping windows and securely storing small items and files). The plan should also include who and when to call about facility closings/reopening and clean up instructions.

Help Your Families Prepare

Our community is constantly growing! You may have families that have no experience with hurricanes. Educating families on how to prepare for hurricane season is an excellent family involvement opportunity. Some activity ideas include:

- ☆ holding a parent workshop on preparing for severe weather
- ☆ creating a hurricane display
- ☆ making packets with tracking grids, shelter locations and other information

Use this time to connect with your families and show them how important they are to you.



Welcome New Child Care Providers

Jacksonville

- ☆ **Chosen Generation** - Katherine Robinson
- ☆ **Creative World Learning Center** - Latarsa Brown
- ☆ **Let them Be Little** - Aubrey Stewart

High Winds

Debris such as signs, roofing material and small items left outside become flying missiles in a hurricane. Loose items on the playground could become lost or damaged. In your Hurricane Plan designate someone to move all toys, bikes, sand/water tables, picnic tables, etc. inside or into a sturdy storage container.

Inland Flooding

During a hurricane, the amount of rain greatly intensifies. There are some areas in Onslow County that are more prone to flooding than others. Heavy rains can flood some of our main roads in less than an one hour.



What can you do?

- ☆ When you hear hurricane, think inland flooding.
- ☆ Determine if you are in a potential flood zone.
- ☆ If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.
- ☆ Keep abreast of road conditions through the news media.
- ☆ Move to a safe area before access is cut off by flood water.
- ☆ Never attempt to cross flowing water.
- ☆ Develop a flood emergency action plan.

Challenging Behaviors: Where to Begin?

Louise B. Biller & Associates provide technical assistance and training to child care providers that address challenging physical, social/emotional, and/or behavior needs. To schedule technical assistance/training in your child care facility call (910)347-7994.