



# DISASTER PLANNING TOOLS & RESOURCES

When disasters, emergencies, or crises arise, having a plan in place can make all the difference to the children and families an agency serves. The resources listed below can help tribal child welfare organizations and tribal governments gather information and prepare for the future.

## CHILD WELFARE AGENCY DISASTER PLANNING

[Coping with Disasters and Strengthening Systems Guide](#), from the Capacity Building Center for States and updated in 2021, covers the steps agencies should take before, during, and after a disaster. It guides agencies through plan development, provides an overview of how to implement disaster plans when a disaster occurs, and focuses on the period after the disaster. Specific tribal child welfare examples are included throughout. The [Disaster Planning Impact Matrix](#) is a helpful stand-alone assessment tool.

[Disaster Planning for Child Welfare Agencies](#) from the Child Welfare Information Gateway provides a variety of resources, including tribal and state examples of disaster plans as well as templates to assist in the development of Title IV-B Child and Family Services Plan Disaster Plans.

### Title IV-B Child and Family Services Plan Sample Disaster Plan

[Ute Tribe Family Services Department  
Five Year Plan, pages 17-18](#)

## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT DISASTER PLANNING

[Ready Indian Country](#) is FEMA's campaign to encourage tribal communities and Alaska Native villages to prepare for disasters. These resources include a [Tribal Leaders Brochure](#) and resources for community members.

The [Emergency Preparedness Handbook for Tribal Governments](#) from the Mountain-Plains Consortium presents resources that are available to tribes that wish to develop an emergency preparedness plan, including step-by-step instructions on how to develop a plan, and sample emergency preparedness plans.

### Sample Emergency Operations Plans from Tribal Governments

[Blackfeet Emergency Operations Plan](#)  
The Blackfeet Nation, Browning,  
Montana, 2018

[Emergency Operations Plan](#)  
Confederated Salish & Kootenai  
Tribes, Montana, 2010

[Squaxin Island Tribal Comprehensive  
Emergency Management Plan](#)  
Squaxin Island Tribe, 2008

## SUPPORTING YOUTH DURING DISASTERS

[Trauma-Informed Transitions in Tribal Child Welfare](#), a tip sheet from the Center for Tribes, recognizes that unexpected transitions can happen for children in care following a disaster. Being mindful and aware of trauma experiences will help tribal child welfare programs decrease the negative effects youth may experience.

