

Hurricane Irene and its Aftermath:

CHILD CARE PROVIDER FACT SHEET FOR THE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

This fact sheet identifies assistance that may be available to help child care providers affected by Hurricane Irene.

- Child care providers whose child care site has sustained damage as a result of Hurricane Irene should contact their licensor or registrar to determine if the site meets regulatory requirements. If your child care site needs to be relocated, you should work reach out to your licensor or registrar, who will work with you to expedite the application process.
- Legally-exempt child care providers whose child care site has sustained damage as a result of Hurricane Irene should contact their Enrollment Agency. If you have questions about your Enrollment Agency, ask the local social services representative at the disaster center.
- Child care providers whose child care site has been affected by Hurricane Irene should first contact their insurance carrier to determine if they have coverage.
- Child care providers whose child care site has been affected by Hurricane Irene may contact the Small Business Association (SBA) for financial assistance. Representatives from SBA will be located at the disaster center. For more information about SBA, you may want to visit the SBA website at www.us.sba.gov.
- Child care providers whose child care site has been affected by Hurricane Irene may also contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). To start the reimbursement process, you must go through FEMA's website. Here's the link: <http://www.fema.gov/assistance/index.shtm>.
- If your billing records have been destroyed or you no longer have access to the Child Care Time and Attendance system, work with your local social services district representative to find out what other options are available.
- Child care providers may want to let their families know that they can apply for child care assistance at the disaster center, local district (if open), or by mail.
- Normally when families apply for child care assistance, they must provide documentation of identity, residency, citizenship, and household composition. As a result of Hurricane Irene, if their documentation has been destroyed, a written declaration of their identity, residency, citizenship, and household composition will suffice. Upon receipt of temporary identification, or new permanent identification, they will need to submit it to the local social services district as soon as it is practical.
- Families whose eligibility for child care assistance is ending within 30 days of September 30, 2011 will continue to receive child care assistance for an additional 30 days from their original end date without the family needing to apply for recertification.
- If the family's child care assistance has ended and the circumstances that led to their case closing have changed, they should reapply as they may be eligible.