



Family Recovery Project



The Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health and the Statewide Family Networks Technical Assistance Center
Partnering on behalf of children and youth with mental health care needs and their families impacted by disaster

Families that survive a disaster face days, months, and sometimes years of recovery. For families of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, and mental disorders, this process can be even more difficult. Recognizing this, the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health and United Advocates for Children of California - Technical Assistance Center have joined together to ensure long term coordination, technical assistance, resources, and support to the Executive Directors of Family Networking Grant organizations that are in areas impacted by disaster. Leaders within those networks (called Family Recovery Leaders) will be responsible for community mobilization within their organization and state to ensure that families and children with mental health needs get the support they need to return as quickly as possible to a stable life where they can begin to rebuild hope.

Family Recovery Leaders:

- Identify and develop partnerships with critical stakeholders before, during, and after a disaster
- Facilitate evacuation and locate safe housing for families of children with mental health issues during the disaster
- Assist and support families as they relocate
- Link families with necessary services
- Educate families and professionals on navigating the system of care, which may be new to them or may have changed as a result of the disaster
- Offer parent to parent support and link families impacted with one another
- Support and assist families as they enroll their children in new schools
- Help families locate and access necessary resources and supplies
- Listen to families as they share their stories
- Ensure families access necessary mental health services for their child
- And more, as dictated by their community, the families, and their resources

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