

DEFINITION: The holistic caring for the needs of children after a disaster (probably from infant through elementary school or whatever you deem necessary)

VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

- People who will baby sit, love, and comfort children
- People who like to teach, do crafts, games etc. while sharing Jesus
- People who have counseling skills specific to children (perhaps also working with the Counseling/Prayer Ministry Team)
- Ministry Teams (adults or teens) to do street type ministry aimed at children

THE MINISTRY:

Providing child care (examples only – this is for you to decide)

- For children of working parents and single mothers when their daycare has been destroyed or is not functioning (during a crisis things get very complicated and sometimes people who still have jobs end up at home because there is no place for their children – a major problem!)
- While the parents are filling out FEMA forms or trying to get county help etc.
- A place for children (or mothers and children) when their house is full of mud and they can't put the children down on the floor. What do they do with them?
- For any children where you see a need

Ministry to children who may not know Jesus and have been through, and are in, crisis

- While in your care – not just babysitting, but activities that will minister to their spiritual and emotional needs
- Working with the prayer and counseling ministry, identifying particular needs
- Team ministry (puppets, drama, music, clowns, videos, games...) in the church building, outside the church building, and/or on the street – that will minister to the emotional and spiritual needs of children in crisis

Working with the Prepared Meals Ministry Team to provide food for the children while they are in your care or while you are ministering to them anywhere.

Providing fun gifts that will brighten their day!

FURTHER TRAINING:

www.7-dippity.com

[After The Storm](#) - Downloadable 40 page book on caring for children after the storm

www.FEMA.gov/kids- FEMA – lots of good resources for kids (Check out the backpack idea)

www.disasterchildcare.org

Church of the Brethren – training opportunities

www.nctsnetwork.org - National Child Traumatic Stress Network

www.CommunityArise.com/classroom.htm - Study the module on Children