

BEACON OF HOPE
DISASTER AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PRE AND POST PLAN

1. Staff members will receive 1 hour training on emergency procedures.
2. Foster parents will post disaster plans in their home, the plan will outline procedures used during an evacuation and after the return. To include provision for food, clothing water, shelter, and emergency power.
3. A fire escape plan will be posted in the home.
4. All residents will be evacuated from the area if mandated by local authorities and /or DFPS
5. All residents will be evacuated if the home is located in the path of a hurricane, fire, tornado, or other natural disaster.
6. Foster parents will arrange for accommodations and inform the (Beacon of Hope) on –call person of the plan and destination route.
7. Foster parents will pack the necessary water and non-perishable food items for the trip and their return home.
8. Foster parents will transport their family and the children in their care to a safe place.
9. Foster parents will take all medications and medical records for the children in their care.
10. For children with Primary Medical needs, all of their health equipment must be taken with them at the time of the evacuation.
11. Foster parents will notify the Beacon of Hope on call –person upon arrival of their destination. The agency will contact each individual’s CPS caseworker as to the whereabouts of the children. They will also be given a contact number of the foster parent. When they return home, and if necessary, foster parents will secure any and all community (Red Cross, Church) and government resources (FEMA) to help facilitate the safe and secure transition of the children into an appropriate home environment.
12. Beacon of Hope staff will contact CPS to report the status of the children.
13. The agency will back up all records on a flash driver and place it in a safe place, such as a water and fire proof file or container. If this is not possible, a staff member will take the records when he/she evacuates the area.
14. Area crises interventions specialist (Beacon of Hope, Red Cross) will be utilized, if necessary, to provide services to the children
All CPS caseworkers will be informed of the evacuation and will be given two contact names and numbers that they may reach at any time. The name of the contact will be “Jose M. Gomez, Ph.D. LPC, at 361-548-6191 and Adriana Orozco LPC,CPAA, at 361-765-4725
15. Beacon of Hope staff will review and monitor changes in policies, administration, construction, and telephone numbers. And any other disaster procedures during quarterly quality assurance reviews.
16. My signature reflects one hour of training regarding pre and post emergency disaster procedures.

Foster parent signature Date

Beacon of Hope CPMS Date