Building Community Resilience through Maternal Child Health (MCH) and Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) Collaboration Project

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Maternal-Child Health Emergency Planning toolkit (this toolkit) serves to improve the capacity of health care, public health, and social services providers to address maternal and child health in emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities.

This toolkit:
- Outlines basic planning steps.
- Highlights key resources and promising practices.
- Explains critical data and information on maternal and child health for integration across the emergency management cycle.

Outcomes

Used a Health Equity Lens for MCH populations in EPR planning.

Improved Awareness for the need to communicate, document, plan, train, and envision MCH considerations in EPR planning.

Engaged in Peer-to-Peer exchange with sharing of experiences and deeper discussions.

Built capacity to address access and functional needs for MCH populations.

Improved knowledge on emergency management cycle.

Identified opportunities to develop collaboration.

Listed and incorporated critical contacts for MCH partners and stakeholders.

Ensured plans are trauma informed.

Who?
The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)'s Virtual Learning Collaborative (VLC) members consisting of eight (8) paired teams from Maternal Child Health and Emergency Preparedness.

What?
Provide EPR training to MCH and EPR professionals at local health departments (LHDs) on integrating MCH considerations into EPR planning for emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities utilizing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Maternal-Child Health (MCH) Emergency Planning toolkit.

Why?
To improve the capacity of health care, public health, and social services providers to address maternal and child health in emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities.

How?
Full-day workshop delivered in a hybrid format (virtual and in-person participants) for VLC members featuring a morning training session for review of plans for response and an afternoon Tabletop Exercise for plan implementation.

When?
NACCHO Preparedness Summit, April 3, 2022.

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