

An aerial photograph of a dense forest of evergreen trees covered in a thick layer of snow. The trees are scattered across a light-colored, snow-covered ground, creating a textured, monochromatic scene. The perspective is from directly above, looking down on the forest canopy.

Developing and Implementing an Effective Statewide Child Care Disaster Plan

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The Montana Child Care Disaster Plan

- Defines the roles and responsibilities of partner organizations to deliver critical services and support to **children, families, and child care providers** in the event of a disaster.
- Encourages coordination of activities and collaboration for mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.



Disaster Plan Requirements

- Lead Agencies are required to establish a Statewide Child Care Disaster Plan
- They must demonstrate how they will **address the needs of children**, including the need for **safe child care, before, during, and after** a major disaster or emergency

Disaster Plan Components

1. Planning for Continuation of Services to CCDF Families
2. Coordinating with Emergency Management Agencies and Key Partners
3. Regulatory Requirements and Technical Assistance for Child Care Providers
4. Provision of Temporary Child Care Services after a Disaster
5. Rebuilding Child Care after a Disaster

Partnerships and Collaboration

Plan must be developed in collaboration with the following:

Human services agency ✓ DPHHS

Emergency management agency ✓ Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Licensing agency ✓ QAD-CCL

Health department ✓ Public Health and Safety Division

Child care resource and referral agencies ✓ CCR&Rs

State advisory council – BBAC

We Need Your Input

- STEP 1: The draft of the statewide disaster plan will be emailed to you, along with a survey to collect your feedback
- STEP 2: We will be putting together an [Emergency Planning and Preparedness](#) workgroup. At the end of the survey, you will be asked if you would like to participate in the workgroup.