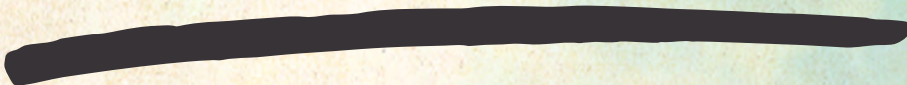

LOUISIANA EARLY LEARNING CENTER **EMERGENCY CHECKLISTS**



DATE: _____

These checklists support the _____ Early Learning Center Emergency Plan. When filled in, they are confidential, and not to be released outside the facility, except to emergency response organizations.

CHECKLIST A: DIRECTION AND CONTROL OPERATIONS

The direction and control activities outlined in this annex apply to all emergency situations. Some of the activities, to include annotating when tasks are completed, may be assigned to individual staff. It is important that each person know what (s)he is responsible to do.

Completed or N/A	Item
SENIOR ON-SITE FACILITY PERSON <i>This designates the person.</i>	
	Who is in charge of the facility? _____
	Who is 2nd in charge of the facility? _____
	Who is 3rd in charge of the facility? _____
CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROTECTIVE ACTION DECISION <i>Evacuation may not be the best decision. Sudden occurrences (explosions, tornadoes, etc.), violent storms/weather conditions, hazardous materials events and an armed intruder or suspicious person outside may make sheltering options the best choice.</i>	
	Monitor Weather Radio.
	Gather information from sources in the facility about the emergency.
	Gather information from Parish/ Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) contact & Emergency Services about the emergency.
	Consider: Is there time to evacuate?
	Consider: Is it safe outside?
	Consider: Is there time to send the children home?
	Consider: Are the children's homes in a danger area?
	Consider: Can the children & staff be safe inside the building?
	Consider: How long will this event last?
	Identify children whose homes are not in safe areas.
	Identify the appropriate protective action.
	Notify parents and staff of protective action decision.
MODIFIED ACTIVITIES <i>Emergencies may not affect those protected inside the facility, but may require adjustment of schedule, early dismissal or cancellation of certain activities.</i>	
	Cancel all out-of building activities.
	Determine the extent of cancellations and schedule modifications.
	Make provisions to keep those children whose homes are not in a safe area.

CHECKLIST B: PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

Procedures to accomplish one of five pre-planned protective actions: Lockdown, Immediate Shelter, Immediate Evacuation, Shelter in Place or Evacuation to Relocation Facility. NOTE: Evacuation Packs should be pre-prepared to accompany you wherever you need to go. Contents of Evacuation Packs are specified.

Completed or N/A	Item
LOCKDOWN	
<i>If a hostile intruder is in the area or center it may be necessary to lock all entrances/classroom doors and move the children to spot in the facility that offers the best protection where they cannot be seen through a door or window.</i>	
	Sound alarm to Lockdown. <i>What will the signal be?</i> _____
	Quickly glance outside the room to direct any children or staff in the hall into your room immediately.
	Lock all doors & move children to a safe corner in the classroom.
	Turn off all lights, close all blinds.
	Notify 9-1-1.
	Police search building to find intruder.
	Notify parents.
	Sound "All-Safe" signal. <i>What will the signal be?</i> _____
IMMEDIATE SHELTER	
<i>If there is not sufficient time to move the children to the safest spot in the facility (tornado) whatever shelter is available at or near the children's classroom should be used.</i>	
	Sound Alarm.
	Unlock doors to closets and utility spaces designated as shelters.
	Move the children to the closest shelter areas.
	Move "Evacuation Pack," medications and special needs equipment to shelter area (time permitting).
	Close air intakes for HVAC (time permitting).
	Turn off utilities to avoid fire/explosion (if situation warrants).
	Close windows, blinds, drapes & doors to block debris from becoming missiles.
	Notify 9-1-1.
	Take attendance as soon as the immediate hazard passes.
	Maintains control of the children until instructed to move to another location.
	Brief emergency services when they arrive on-site.
	Search building for hazards.
	Sound "All-Safe" signal. <i>What will the signal be?</i> _____

Completed or N/A	Item
IMMEDIATE EVACUATION	
<i>Some emergencies require that everyone leave the facility as soon as possible. There normally isn't time to arrange transportation or get to another facility. Immediate activation moves everyone to a safe "assembly area" outside, but near the facility.</i>	
	Sound Alarm.
	Ensure that the pre-designated assembly area is safe. <i>Location:</i> _____
	Post evacuation monitors in hallways and at doors. <i>Staff Member Name:</i> _____ <i>Location:</i> _____ <i>Staff Member Name:</i> _____ <i>Location:</i> _____
	Lead children in an orderly fashion out of the building to the designated assembly area.
	Ensure that children/staff who need help getting out have been evacuated.
	Take attendance as soon as the children arrive in the assembly area.
	Move "Evacuation Pack" medications and special needs equipment to assembly area (time permitting).
	Notify 9-1-1.
	Move to another shelter if the assembly area is exposed to inclement weather.
	Maintain control of the children until instructed to return to facility, or go to another location.
	If safe, search building to ensure that everyone is out <i>Names of Search Team Members:</i> _____
	Brief emergency services when they arrive on-site.
	Determine building is safe from any hazards prior to returning to the facility (request expert advice/ assistance as appropriate).
	Sound "All-Safe" signal. <i>What will the signal be?</i> _____
	Brief emergency services regarding final status.
SHELTER IN PLACE	
<i>If the emergency makes it unsafe to go outside and there is sufficient warning time, it's best to move the children to a spot in the facility that offers the best protection. It may be necessary to stay there for several hours – or even a few days.</i>	
	Ensure that designated shelter areas are ready to receive and shelter children and staff.
	Staff move their assigned children to the pre-designated shelter areas.
	Ensure that children/staff who need help moving have arrived in shelter areas.
	Take attendance to establish accountability for all children and staff.
	Remain in place and await further instructions from designated staff person or emergency services.
	Notify 9-1-1.
	"Evacuation Packs," medications and special needs equipment moved to shelter areas.
	Maintain control of the group until instructed to move to another location.
	Close windows, blinds, drapes & doors to impede debris from becoming missiles.
	Close air intakes for HVAC.
	Reduce all other sources of external air.
	Staff take attendance as soon as they arrive in the shelter area.
	Time permitting, place food and beverages in closed containers.
	Brief emergency services when they arrive on-site.
	Provide meals/snacks to sheltered children and staff if the duration of the emergency warrants.
	Determine building is safe from any hazards prior to returning to normal operations (request expert advice/assistance as appropriate)
	Sound "All-Safe" signal. <i>What will the signal be?</i> _____

Completed or N/A	Item
	<p align="center">EVACUATION TO A RELOCATION FACILITY</p> <p><i>If the entire neighborhood is in danger, it may be necessary to move the children and staff to another facility that is far enough away to not be in danger. It's convenient if that "relocation facility" is another Early Learning Center because it has facilities and equipment. If nothing else is available, the community may have evacuation shelters established.</i></p>
	Notify relocation Facility. Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
	Call for pre-planned transportation vehicles (if needed).
	Take attendance for accountability and to determine exact number of transport seats needed.
	Transportation arrives at the facility.
	Notify Parish OHSEP of failure in transportation resources. OHSEP Phone Number: _____
	Give each driver a map to Relocation Facility in case vehicles get separated. Attach appropriate maps to this checklist.
	Load "Evacuation Pack(s)" medications and special needs equipment are on transportation.
	Ensure that all children and staff, including those who need assistance are aboard the transportation and arrive in shelter areas.
	Post "Notice of Relocation" (Louisiana Early Learning Center Plan Attachment 11).
	Take attendance for accountability before transportation departs.
	Transportation departs for Relocation Facility.
	Take attendance for accountability when you arrive at relocation facility.
	Move children to areas designated for their use at Relocation Facility.
	Retain supervision and accountability for all children.
	Take attendance and report numbers to designated staff person.
	Notify parents of the relocation of children.

CHECKLIST C: EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS

Procedures to accomplish functions required to support emergency action.

Completed or N/A	Item
BUILDING SECURITY	
	Lock facilities, leaving only one entry/exit point.
	Staff checkpoints to ensure there are no intruders.
COMMUNICATIONS	
	Get information on hazards.
	Monitor weather radio to find out about emergencies.
	Monitor local radio/TV stations to stay aware the progress of an emergency.
	Communicate with parents.
	Use land-line telephone (primary means of communication).
	Make backup communication system available (cell phones).
	Time permitting post current facility status on the facility website (if available).
	Use text messaging and social networking sites to notify parents.
	Communicate within the facility.
	Sound appropriate alarm for Protective Action decided (evacuate immediately, shelter or evacuate to host).
	Establish contact with relocation facility as soon as evacuation is considered.
EVACUATION PACK	
	Contain a list of area emergency phone numbers.
	Contain emergency contact information, emergency medical authorization, and pick-up authorizations for all of the children.
	Contain first aid supplies, hand sanitizer, wet wipes, and tissue.
	Contain diapers for children who are not toilet trained and plastic bags for diapers.
	Contain a battery powered flashlight and radio and batteries.
	Contain food for children under the age of 4, including infant food and formula.
	Contain disposable cups and bottled water.
	Contain a copy of records, documents, and computer files necessary for its continued operation following an emergency in either a portable file or at an off-site location.
	Contain medication and other equipment (with instructions for use) for the children and staff (time permitting).
	Contain special medical information, including allergies on children and staff.
	Contain water & snacks for everyone (time permitting).
	Contain important business records (second priority).
	Other (<i>Specify:</i> _____)
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	
	Render first aid as needed/feasible.
	Brief Ambulance/EMS personnel when they arrive.
MEDICAL PROCEDURES	
	Review list of special needs children (lists in "evacuation pack").
	Ensure individual staff are with children with special needs.
	Take all medication to be moved if children relocate (in "evacuation pack").
	Take first aid supplies to accompany the children (first aid supplies in "evacuation pack").
	Examine all children/staff for injuries after emergency has passed.
	Establish and maintain log of any medication administered.

Completed or N/A	Item
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
	Shut off Electricity manually.
	Shut off Water manually.
	Shut off Gas manually.
IMPORTANT RECORDS	
<i>When possible, important records, including business records should be backed up regularly and stored in a secure site away from the facility.</i>	
	Put emergency contact information and parental permissions, etc in Evacuation Pack.
	Put business records (license, employee training, lease, etc.) in Evacuation Pack.
	Put records relating to special needs (etc).
RECOVERY	
	Develop a plan based on damage survey to clean up the center and make it safe for reoccupation.
	Begin clean-up and repair.
	Keep records of costs for insurance reasons.