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TO: ALL CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)
PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: CARING FOR CALIFORNIA'S CHILDREN: PREPARING FOR MENTAL
HEALTH CONSEQUENCES IN TIME OF CRISIS

In an effort to assist primary care providers in understanding children and family dynamics in the event of a hazardous event, we are making available this web-based educational module to provide resources and tools to assess and address the mental health needs of children in the event of a community-wide disaster or bioterrorism event. After a disaster, provider offices or clinics may be one of the first places a family will contact for assistance.

Assisting families coping with the emotional toll of a disaster is becoming an ongoing responsibility of the pediatrician. Before a disaster, the pediatrician or primary care provider is expected to provide anticipatory guidance on home disaster preparedness. During a disaster, these providers need to institute office and/or home disaster plans and participate in the community or hospital disaster plan. During the recovery period, primary care providers seeing children need to be prepared to deal with continued disruption of services, provide on-site emergency and primary health care at emergency shelters, continue to implement the plan as needed to address inpatient and outpatient treatment, infectious disease control, alternatives for lost services/utilities, logistics and re-supply, physical and mental rehabilitation and critical incident stress debriefing.

The development and distribution of this curriculum is a collaboration with UCLA-RAND NIMH Center for Research on Quality in Managed Care and the California Department of Health Services. The course introduces providers to critical elements of disasters that impact child mental health, and includes assessment and intervention strategies, with online resources for preparedness. The information, tools, and resources in this course are based on the best available research. The materials have been evaluated for accuracy and comprehensiveness by a panel of disaster experts, child psychiatrists, and pediatricians.

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The Office of Continuing Medical Education, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA designates this educational activity for a maximum of 2 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™].

The CHDP program encourages all providers to participate in this distance learning program.

Please log on at: <http://www.californiaschildren.org> for more information.

Thank you for your continuing participation in the CHDP program. If you have any questions, please contact your local CHDP Program.

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Caring For California's Children: Preparing for Mental Health Consequences in Time of Crisis

An online course

This course is sponsored by the California Department of Health Services and Children's Medical Services in collaboration with the UCLA – RAND NIMH Center for Research on Quality in Managed Care

For: Pediatric Primary Care Providers *and* their office staff

Course Description: The course introduces providers to critical elements of disasters that impact child mental health, and includes assessment and intervention strategies, with online resources for preparedness.

Overall Course objective: To provide pediatric primary care providers and their office staff with resources and tools to assess and address the mental health needs of children in the event of a large scale disaster or bioterrorism event, using a curriculum based on scientific evidence and expert clinical judgment.

Target Audience: Pediatric Primary Care Providers and their office staff (medical and non-medical) in the state of California.

Availability: Spring, 2007

Accreditation: The Office of Continuing Medical Education, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Office of Continuing Medical Education, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA designates this educational activity for a maximum of 2 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*TM.



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Course Location: <http://www.californiaschildren.org>

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This course will be free of charge for those who do not wish to receive CME credit.