

Resources to Help Children Cope with Hurricanes and other Disasters

ONLINE AND PRINTABLE RESOURCES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sesame Street – many printable resources and guidance https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/emergency-preparedness/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service Birdie Stories – online flipbooks available in multiple languages. https://www.childrens.health.qld.gov.au/chq/our-services/mental-health-services/qcpimh/natural-disaster-resources/storybooks/
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open access CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) has created an activity book to offer parents and educators an interactive way to talk to kids about how to cope after a disaster. It can be used in schools, communities, and families to help children talk about their feelings after a disaster and learn positive ways to express their emotions in uncertain times. https://www.cdc.gov/cpr/readywrigley/documents/RW_Coping_After_a_Disaster_508.pdf
GUIDANCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Child Traumatic Stress Network Hurricane Resources https://www.nctsn.org/what-is-child-trauma/trauma-types/disasters/hurricane-resources
CHILDREN’S BOOKS AND BOOK LISTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Care Aware list of books https://www.childcareaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/EP-book-list.pdf Some open access and others for purchase
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic list of books https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/book-lists-and-recommendations/science-nature/talk-to-your-kids-about-hurricanes.html
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forbes list of books https://www.forbes.com/sites/tarahaelle/2017/08/30/8-books-to-help-children-understand-disasters-and-cope-with-anxiety/?sh=fba0242e960b
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Big Storm: A Story and Guide to Help Children Overcome Trauma from a Natural Disaster (~\$9) https://www.amazon.com/Big-Storm-Children-Overcome-Disaster/dp/169064544X
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the Hurricane Blew This book was written by a team of 4th grade kids (affectionately known as "Mann's Miracles") who have personally experienced direct hits from two major hurricanes within a single year and the resulting devastation to their Gulf Breeze, Florida community. The book is difficult to find in bulk, however. (~\$17-20) https://www.amazon.com/When-Hurricane-Blew-Manns-Miracles/dp/0977356906