

September 1, 2010

Dear Providers:

As you know hurricane season is well upon us. Please refer to the following website in order to prepare in advance for the possibility of the loss of utilities and other services: <http://www.gethurricanereadyri.org/onestop.pdf>. Additionally, review the safety plans that you have in place for your home or facility. Regarding Hurricane Earl approaching the east coast, please pay particular attention to media reports, the DCYF website (www.dcyf.ri.gov), the RI Foster Parent Association website (www.rifpa.org) and the RI Emergency Management Association website (www.riema.ri.gov) for updates on the storm and emergency procedures.

In order to adequately ensure the safety and well-being of families and/or children in your care, please make sure that the following conditions are met:

1. Have a minimum of 4-5 days worth of food and safe drinking water.
2. Track all media instructions regarding evacuation requirements and other public service announcements.
3. Please notify the RIDCYF Hotline (1-800-RI-CHILD), if you need to evacuate to a safer location as soon as you are able.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Almeida, Chief Casework Supervisor at 528-3605 or Kevin Savage at 528-3629.

Respectfully,

Kevin W. Savage
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