



Resources for Students and Staff Recovering from Natural Disaster

COUNSELING SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

Our Director of Special Education, Dr. Ginger Gates, is a licensed psychologist, and has provided the below links to useful online documents/websites. Please note that the below links are to external websites and resources. The list is not exhaustive, but highlights resources that may be useful in your communications and work with returning educators, students, and parents. Dr. Gates and her team are available to help as your students and staff return to school. We are here to help you and your team support each other. You may reach Dr. Gates directly at ginger.gates@esc4.net.

Helping Children after a National Disaster - Information for Educators and Families: Article and Printable PDF from National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). *Schools and community agencies may adapt the posted handout to local needs for educational and student support purposes as long as proper credit is given to NASP.*

Link: <http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/natural-disaster>

Natural Disasters: Brief Facts and Tips: This link also features a printable PDF (available in Spanish) from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). *NASP has made these materials available free of charge to the public in order to promote the ability of children and youth to cope with traumatic or unsettling times. The materials may be adapted, reproduced, reprinted, or linked to websites without specific permission. However, the integrity of the content must be maintained and NASP must be given proper credit.*

Link: <https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/natural-disaster/natural-disasters-brief-facts-and-tips>

Helping Children after Natural Disasters: *Colorín Colorado* is a bilingual site for educators and families of English Language Learners based in Washington, D.C. that has specific, updated resources posted to offer guidance to families and schools related to natural disasters and some posted specific to Hurricane Harvey listed under Featured Resources. *You are welcome to print copies of their materials for personal use or educational purposes as long as credit is given to Colorín Colorado and the author(s). Permission to publish materials must be granted by the copyright holder. Because they get their articles from a variety of sources, please check the bottom of each article for special reprint permissions or additional restrictions from the publisher.*

Link: <http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/helping-children-after-natural-disaster>

Coping with National Disasters: This website features free lesson sharing funded by the American Federation of Teachers. Built by educators across the country, it brings together a community of teachers, paraprofessionals, school related personnel, parents, and partners to provide resources. The devastation and loss of life from events such as hurricanes or a tornado can be emotionally damaging to children. These resources will help you and your students understand and cope with natural disasters. The lesson plans are grouped by topic, subject and grade level and include resources from a variety of agencies.

Note: You must sign-up for a free membership to access these lesson plans. They are NOT screened and are contributed by authors under creative commons from across the United States.

Link: <https://sharemylesson.com/collections/coping-natural-disasters>

Helping Kids Cope with National Disasters: This is a website from the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) based out of Virginia. They provide resources for educators about all subjects connected to the environment; they have a section focusing on how to help kids cope with national disasters.

Link: <http://www.nwf.org/Eco-Schools-USA/Become-an-Eco-School/Hurricane-Sandy/Helping-Kids-Cope.aspx>