

**Michigan Department of Health and Human Services  
Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, EMS and  
Systems of Care**

**Pediatric Champions Office Hours  
Tuesday, November 28th, 2023 from 2-3 pm**

***Planning Disaster Drills to Include Children***



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*Dr. Carolyn Christensen-Szalanski and Kristel Wetjen are founding co-chairs of the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Task Force. They will be sharing some of their experiences from more than 10 years of integrating pediatrics into predominantly adult hospital facility planning to improve pediatric disaster preparedness.*

**Objectives:**

1. They will share simple and inexpensive ways to produce disaster drills involving both children and adults.
2. They will offer a template to create your own disaster drill to involve children to improve pediatric readiness in your facility in in your community.

**Link: Join on your computer or mobile app**

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