

## Journal of Family Strengths

Call for Papers: Fall 2018

### The Impact of Hurricanes on Children and Families and Interconnected Systems

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In the wake of several large scale hurricanes, researchers and social service providers have documented numerous lessons learned and made advances in understanding the impact of these events on children and families and the communities in which they live. While there has been a focus on economic cost of hurricanes, our understanding of the impact on children, families, and their interconnected systems remains limited. Recent devastating major hurricanes (i.e., Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Florence), as well as the inevitable storms of the future, call for a special issue of the *Journal of Family Strengths* that focuses on children, an often forgotten vulnerable population in large scale natural disasters.

The current call for papers is for a broad range of topics related to hurricanes and the impact on children and families, including the ecological systems that are important to children and families. The focus on children and hurricanes may occur during any phase of disasters (preparedness, response, or recovery) and may involve empirical research, perspectives from the field, or book reviews directly related to children and families or with child-serving systems such as schools, organizations, juvenile justice, behavioral health, health providers and child welfare.

In this special issue, we seek to highlight implementation of lessons learned, innovative interventions, and novel findings related to children and families pre and/or post hurricane. Empirical quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods studies, perspectives from the field, and book reviews will be reviewed. While cross-sectional studies are most often conducted post disaster, we are particularly interested in the impact of hurricanes and recovery over time on children and families, as well as intervention research, including access and utilization of services. Topics may include, but are not limited to, the environmental, financial, developmental, educational, social, biological, psychological, spiritual, relational, health, and/or behavioral health interventions and/or impact on children and families pre and/or post hurricanes. The impact on providers serving children and families pre and post hurricane will also be considered. Papers may include documentation of the negative outcomes of major hurricanes on children and families as well as highlight coping capacity and resilience of children and families. Papers should include implications for practice, policy and future research.

**Abstracts due:** Abstracts for consideration are due October 31, 2018. Please email the managing editor at [DMcClendon@childrenatrisk.org](mailto:DMcClendon@childrenatrisk.org) to submit an abstract, or for more information.

**Final manuscripts due:** After acceptance of abstracts, final manuscripts for peer review will be due January 21, 2019.

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