

## 2011 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Commission on Children and Disasters

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Health and Human Services	2011
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
National Commission on Children and Disasters	34764

<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	05/28/2009	05/28/2011	04/14/2011

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes	Public Law 110-161	04/04/2011

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Terminate	No	Enacted

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Public Law 110-161; Public Law 110-329	10/06/1972	Ad hoc	Yes

**15. Description of Committee** Other Committee

**16a. Total Number of Reports** 1

**16b. Report Date** Report Title

National Commission on Children  
10/06/2010 and Disasters 2010 Report to the  
President and Congress

**Number of Committee Reports Listed:** 1

**17a. Open** 2 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 2

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
(1) Discuss a recommendation to establish a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters; (2) Discuss implementation strategies for recommendations published in the 2010 Report to the President and Congress; and (3) Discuss potential issues for future study and changes to subcommittee structure.	11/15/2010	11/15/2010
The Commission will: (1) Hear testimony from federal and non-federal officials on the status of recommendations from its 2010 Report to the President and Congress.	03/14/2011	03/14/2011

## Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$90,416.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$19,081.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$8,747.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$118,244.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	1.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Commission meets regularly to discuss matters relative to the needs of children in disaster situations. It convenes experts in emergency management, pediatrics, and other relevant fields to explore known areas of challenge. The Commission also expects to conduct research relative to the issues surrounding children and disasters.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The membership is appointed by Congressional leadership and the President of the United States.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 4

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

This Commission was established by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110-161), thus the Commission is necessary to fulfil the law. The Commission was created by Congress to examine and assess the needs of children as they relate to preparation for, response to, and recovery from natural and manmade disasters.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

NA

**21. Remarks**

**Designated Federal Officer**

Juliana Sadovich Director, Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and

## Response, Administration for Children and Families

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Allen, Ernest	09/17/2008	04/04/2011	President and CEO, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Anderson, Michael	09/17/2008	04/04/2011	Interim Senior Vice President & Chief Medical Officer, Division of Pediatric Critical Care, University Hospitals, Case Western Reserve University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carlson, Merry	09/17/2008	04/04/2011	Chief, Preparedness, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, State of Alaska	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Leslie, Sheila	09/17/2008	04/04/2011	Nevada State Assembly Member, District 27	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lockwood, Bruce	09/17/2008	04/04/2011	Public Health Emergency Response Coordinator, Bristol-Burlington Health District	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lord, Graydon	09/17/2008	04/04/2011	Senior Policy Analyst, Assoc. Director of EMS Policy, Homeland Security Policy Institute, George Washington University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Redlener, Irwin	09/17/2008	04/04/2011	Director, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schonfeld, David	09/17/2008	04/04/2011	Director, National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Shriver, Mark	09/17/2008	04/04/2011	Vice President and Managing Director, U.S. Programs, Save the Children	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tan, Lawrence	09/17/2008	04/04/2011	Chief, Emergency Medical Services Division, New Castle County Department of Public Safety	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 10**

### Narrative Description

The National Commission on Children and Disasters was created as an independent Federal commission to explore issues and gaps surrounding our nation's ability to respond to the unique needs of children before, during and after disasters, and to make recommendations for improvements to the President and Congress based on its findings. While the Commission does not therefore support any single agency's mission or strategic plan, it does support the Federal government's overarching goal of ensuring that the needs all Americans, including children, are understood and planned for effectively in all hazards (i.e. natural disasters, nuclear events, biological attacks, pandemics, etc.), regardless of age.

### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

The goal of the recommendations the Commission will make to the President and Congress is to improve our nation's ability to care for children and their families before, during and after disasters. The President and Congress will ultimately determine whether and how to implement the recommendations, either through policy change, legislation, regulation, or less formal means.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Cost Savings Comments**

Cost reduction is not a focus of the Commission. Improved response to the environmental, mental and physical health and well-being of children during and after disasters by Federal, state and local governments, medical providers, community caregivers, and the emergency response framework is the sole focus of the Commission as it develops its recommendations.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

0

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Commission made its recommendations public via a Report to the President and Congress in October 2010.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The Commission made its recommendations public via a Report to the President and

Congress in October 2010.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

#### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

The Commission made its recommendations public via a Report to the President and Congress in October 2010.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

#### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The Commission does not advise any single Federal agency. Rather, its mandate is to provide a report, including its recommendations for improvement of existing systems, to the President and Congress, neither of which are expected to provide feedback to the Commission.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### **Action Comments**

While the President and Congress are not required to implement the recommendations of the Commission, the Commission finds that Federal agencies with which it interfaces periodically refocus or increase their efforts toward improving their ability to support our country's in responding to the needs of children in disasters. For example, some agencies are exploring the revision of grant guidance to include more specific language relating to children.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

None.

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

None.