

Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan

First Baptist Church Children's Center

With the safety of your child in mind, we would like to make you aware that we have developed an Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan for our child care facility. This detailed plan is comprehensive and involves our local emergency agencies. We are confident that we can do what it takes to protect all of the children in our care in the event that they must be evacuated in place (remain in a protected part of our facility until advised that it is safe to leave) or evacuated off-site to a safe area, away from our facility.

An **In-Place Evacuation** could occur if:

1. a tornado or other weather-related emergency made it too dangerous to leave the safety of our facility;
2. there was a toxic chemical spill outside of the facility;
3. there were the threat of a violent incident (such as a person or persons in the vicinity acting out of control) that made it unsafe for children to leave; or
4. the facility was directed to shelter in place by local emergency personnel.

If children in our facility are to evacuate in place:

1. We are prepared to provide supervision, food, bottled water, and shelter.
2. Please do not attempt to pick up your child until it is safe to do so.
3. Children will not be released until local emergency officials assure us that it is safe to do so.
4. We will provide information as soon as possible, through phone calls or email.

An **Off-Site Evacuation** could occur if:

1. a hurricane or other weather-related emergency made it too dangerous to stay in our facility;
2. there were a bomb threat;
3. there were imminent threats of safety in the area (e.g. flooding, terrorism); or
4. the facility was directed to evacuate by local emergency personnel.

If the children in our facility are to evacuate off-site:

1. Children will be safely transported to a secure facility, designated by Emergency Management Personnel or our Emergency Plan.
2. Information will be provided to parents by:
 - AM Radio (WSJS ~ dial 600)
 - Television Station (WXII ~ Channel 12)
 - FBC Children's Center Web Site – www.fbcchildrenscenter.org
 - Email
3. Children will only be released to a parent/legal guardian or person designated by parents. A photo ID of the adult will be required.

The safety of your children and our staff members is our highest priority. Please rest assured that in the event of an emergency, we have a plan in place and your children will be taken care of. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Children's Center Director at any time @ 336-723-7071.