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National Preparedness Month

September marks the 10th annual National Preparedness Month. This year's theme is "You Can Be the Hero."

The goal of the Federal Emergency Management Agency-backed campaign is to enable citizens to prepare for and respond to all types of emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks.

On the AAP Children and Disasters webpage (www.aap.org/disasters), pediatricians can find ideas on how to implement preparedness activities; strategies to address influenza prevention and control in high-risk children; and information on how to use the new AAP Pediatric Preparedness Resource Kit. The kit's resources assist in developing partnerships, identifying strengths and challenges for pediatric preparedness planning, and establishing communication networks to ensure that children's needs are addressed during a public health emergency or disaster.

View the kit at www.aap.org/disasters/resourcekit or request free print copies by emailing DisasterReady@aap.org.

