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Weekly Situational Awareness Brief

Awareness Topics

Children Present or Witnessing Violent Deaths and Suicides

“Children were documented as present for or witness to a substantial proportion of violent deaths and suicides, underscoring the importance of a comprehensive approach to preventing these deaths and reducing children’s exposure to traumatic events.”

‘Slowly unfolding failures’: What to do about aging dams in a warming world

“Nationwide, the average dam is 64 years old and most were built for rainfall patterns that no longer reflect today’s changing climate. Thousands are classified as high hazard, meaning their failure could result in the loss of life.”

Childhood maltreatment and intimate partner violence victimisation: what explains the link?

“For many individuals, intimate partner violence is not their first exposure to victimisation. Indeed, there is a well-established link between exposure to childhood maltreatment and intimate partner victimisation.”

Water Safety

“Drowning is a leading cause of death for children. Together, we can change that.”

About Andes Virus

“Andes virus is a type of hantavirus spread by rodents in South America and, less commonly, by other infected people. The rodents that carry Andes virus have not been found in the United States. It can cause a severe respiratory disease in people, called Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS).”

Shelter and Health Response to Functional and Access Needs in Disaster Health

“People with disabilities and others with access and functional needs (AFN) experience disproportionately higher mortality and morbidity during disasters.”

Upcoming MESH Educational Offerings

Emergency Preparedness & Resilience Coach

It doesn't take a hurricane to disrupt a life. When resources are already limited, even small disruptions can have big consequences. This course helps you understand where real needs begin—with everyday vulnerabilities—and how to meet them through simple, powerful steps. **This isn't just disaster training. It's people training—practical, human-centered, & real.**

Limited seats open in the June 2026 Cohort | 4-week program | One 3-hour session per week | Virtual via Zoom | Free, Grant Funded

2026 MESH Grand Rounds Series Q3 Surge: Managing Multi-Patient Incidents with Chief Christopher Chiara

This presentation will:

- Identify the challenges of multi-patient incidents and introduce best practices to address those challenges.

- Highlight the importance of a common operating perspective in incidents that require inter-agency coordination.
- Demonstrate training initiatives that lead to success in low-frequency, high-acuity.

August 18, 2026 | 1-2 PM EST | Live, via Zoom | No Charge

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Upcoming MESH Conference Presentations

IHEPS 2026


Dr. James M. Floyd, Jr. | Keynote Session | Setting Down What Isn't Yours: An Overview of Vicarious Trauma

September 3, 2026 | Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel


NHCPC 2026

Dr. James M. Floyd, Jr. | Psychological PPE

December 1-3, 2026 | Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center



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December 1-3, 2026
Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center | National Harbor, Maryland



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