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# RESEARCH COUNTS

The importance of getting disaster information into the hands of those who need it is more pressing than ever. The *Research Counts Series* summarizes key research findings and raises new questions that are worthy of exploration. The pieces in the series are brief, drawn from a variety of disciplines, and intended for a broad readership. In addition to the main collection of articles, three special collections focusing on specific disaster topics—described in detail below—have also been published. If you are interested in contributing to this series, please contact the Natural Hazards Center at: [hazctr@colorado.edu](mailto:hazctr@colorado.edu).



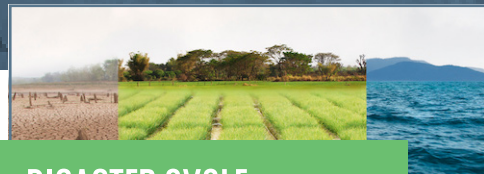
## CHILDREN & DISASTERS

This **special collection** includes original briefs from researchers who have extensive experience studying children across the disaster lifecycle. Their contributions illuminate children’s vulnerabilities and strengths and, importantly, focus attention on how public health practitioners, emergency managers, and others can advance disaster planning and response efforts that consider children’s specific needs in light of evidence-based recommendations.



## MASS SHELTERING

Mass shelters are a critical, life-saving component of emergency response that provide communities with food, clean water, medical care, and other essential resources during a disaster. This **special collection** emphasizes that substantial planning and coordination is needed to operate these facilities and ensure that the needs of disaster-affected populations are met. This information can help practitioners make evidence-informed decisions to improve shelter experiences.



## DISASTER CYCLE

Researchers and emergency managers have long used the disaster cycle as a conceptual tool to organize activities associated with each overlapping phase of a disaster. This **special collection** includes articles focused on the preparedness, emergency response, impacts, recovery, mitigation, and resilience phases of the disaster cycle. The collection summarizes key findings from recently published scientific research for a broader audience.



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