



## Course Description

### MGT-439 Pediatric Disaster Response and Emergency Preparedness

#### Description

This course prepares students to effectively, appropriately, and safely plan for and respond to a disaster incident involving children, addressing the specific needs of pediatric patients in the event of a community based-incident. Pediatric specific planning considerations include mass sheltering, pediatric-triage, reunification planning and pediatric decontamination considerations. This is not a hands-on technical course, but instead a management resource course for stakeholders like pediatric physicians, emergency managers, emergency planners, and members of public emergency departments like EMS, Fire, Police, Public Health, and Hospitals in the field of disaster response and preparedness work.

#### Course Objectives:

- Recognize the issues likely to arise within the pediatric population during disaster events
- Describe relevant Emergency Management (EM) considerations when planning for the care and management of the pediatric population following a disaster event
- Describe the concepts of surge with specific focus on pediatric implications in a disaster event that are unique to the pediatric population, as well as discuss the impact of those considerations on planning and response efforts
- Discuss effective planning and preparation in addressing the requirements of the pediatric population with Access and Functional Needs (AFN) in a disaster event
- Describe relevant mass sheltering considerations when planning for the care and management of the pediatric population following a disaster event
- Inspect a variety of triage systems to assess their appropriateness for pediatric applications and as a means to allocate scarce resources
- Describe aspects of reunification planning that may be applied in a disaster
- Event, emphasizing successfully reuniting the pediatric population with their families
- Describe considerations for the decontamination process that take into account the needs of the pediatric population

#### Prerequisite:

**You must be a US Citizen to take this course. If you are not please let us know by email for further instruction at [OEM.TRAINING@DHSES.NY.GOV](mailto:OEM.TRAINING@DHSES.NY.GOV)**

#### Length: 16 Hours

#### Target Audience:

- Emergency Management
- EMS
- Fire Service
- Governmental Administrative
- Law Enforcement
- Health Care
- Public Health
- Public Safety Communications
- Citizen/Community Volunteer
- Search & Rescue

#### Additional Prerequisite:

All participants must have a FEMA Student Identification (FEMA SID) number. Students can search for their existing/ create a new FEMA SID at <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/>

#### Cost:

There is no fee for the course. Other cost considerations are detailed in each LMS course offering.

#### Signup Details:

Register through the New York State DHSES Learning Management System. Access the LMS through the link on the calendar webpage.