



SITUATION REPORT

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HURRICANE IRMA

The latest forecast models have shown a western shift of Hurricane Irma. As of noon today, the southern portion of Florida was already beginning to experience tropical storm force winds.

Dangerous conditions and storm surge threaten the western side of Florida, which is home to more than 3 million individuals. As of noon, Hurricane Irma had weakened to a Category 3 hurricane, after making landfall in Cuba as a Category 5. Forecasts expect the storm to strengthen, possibly back to a Category 4 or 5, as it leaves Cuba and enters warm water. As of the 11am update, winds of 125mph were reported.

Hurricane Irma has prompted one of the largest, if not the largest, evacuations in U.S. history, with approximately 6.3 million people in Florida under evacuation orders. Florida has over 260 open shelters and are currently housing over 50,000 individuals. This number is expected to rise by tonight. Every county has shelters open, except Monroe (Key West), Monroe County residents should shelter in Miami-Dade.

Hurricane Irma is expected to reach Florida, likely between Key West and Marathon by Sunday morning. Tornado warnings are expected, and have already been posted for Collier County, after radar indicated rotation indicated a possible tornado near Everglades City, Plantation Island, Carnestown and Everglades.

Going South to North (earliest to latest impact) the current forecast model predicts impacts in the following counties: Monroe, Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando. There are nearly 3,000 child care programs, who serve almost 180,000 children within these counties. Detailed information appears in below in the Child Care Impact section.

Power outages have already occurred in some areas, Miami-Dade County is reporting 26,270 outages and Broward has 6,790 outages currently reported.

The latest information about Hurricane Irma can be found at usa.childcareaware.org/irma

- Current hurricane tracks, timings, and severe weather warnings can be found at our severe weather tracker page at: <http://usa.childcareaware.org/advocacy-public-policy/crisis-and-disaster-resources/severe-weather-tracker/>
- You can easily access all of our resources by visiting <http://ChildCarePrepare.org>

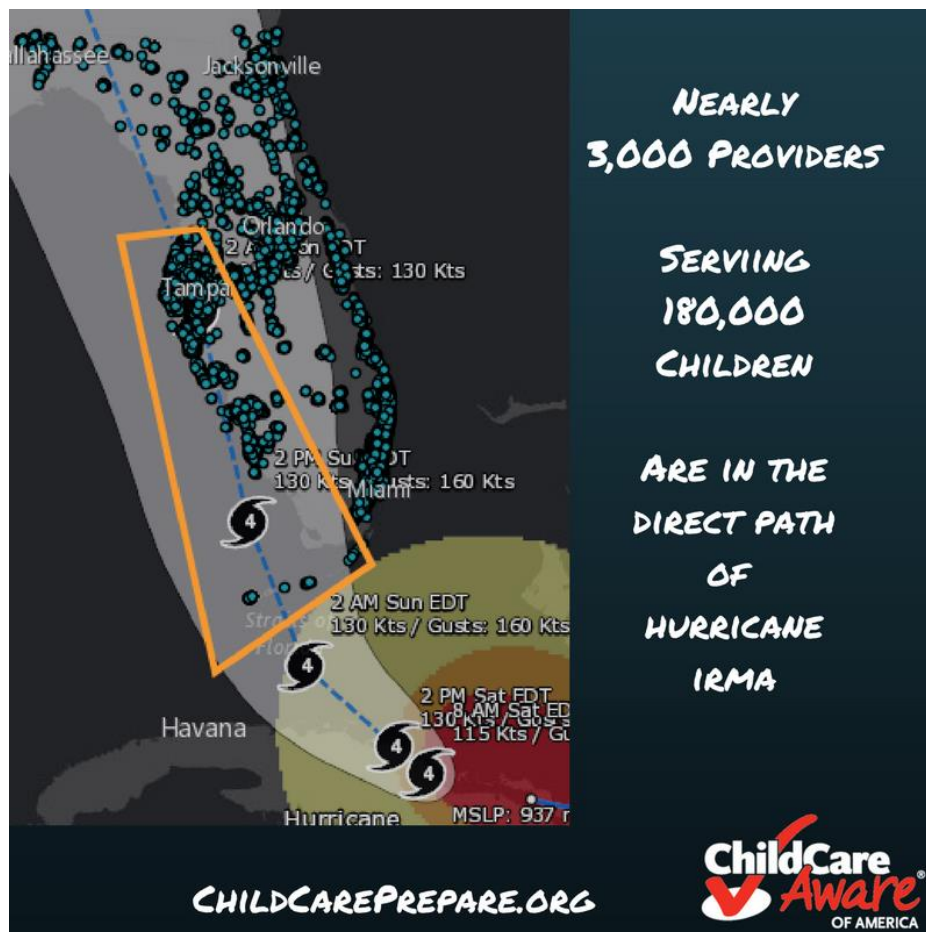
Partner Updates

- Children's Disaster Services has forward-deployed to Orlando with a team of 7. They will have additional volunteers arriving early next week.
- Salvation Army has prepositioned assets to provide support in the immediate aftermath of the storm. A few other notes:
 - With vendors closing their doors, securing food may be difficult. 2,261 meals served in Florida so far.
 - Requests for feeding at shelters are coming in rapidly.
 - All mobile feeding units are positioned and ready to deploy once the storm passes.
 - Command Post set up in Tampa to support Hurricane Irma response efforts.
 - Salvation Army has 47 corps community centers (churches with fixed kitchens – many with commercial kitchens) in Florida that can be called on to respond if they are accessible.
 - The storm surge puts a number of Salvation Army facilities at risk.
 - Semi load of water and semi load of MREs are staged the Florida Keys
- CDC has shared the following resources
 - Tips for child care hygiene at shelters
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/pdf/evacplayareas.pdf>
 - Tips for cleaning up after a hurricane
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/pdf/cleanup.pdf>
- New resources on the Child Care Aware of America Irma website
 - [Help Kids Cope](#) is a mobile app to assist families cope with hurricanes and flooding. Download the free app today for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices. The app has helpful guidance on how to prepare for the storm, how to support your family during the storm, and if your family needs additional support after the storm.
 - [Parent Guidelines for Helping Children after Hurricanes](#) (English) or [Guia para los padres para ayudar a los niños despues de un hurricane](#) (Spanish)
 - [Teacher Guidelines for Helping Children after Hurricanes](#) (English)
 - [Trinka and Sam Children's Booklet](#) (English) or [Trinka y Juan en un día de mucho viento y lluvia](#) (Spanish)
Trinka and Sam the Rainy Windy Day is a story developed to help young

children and their families begin to talk about feelings and worries they may have after they have experienced the hurricane. A parent guide is included that suggests ways that parents can use the story with their children.

Emergency Declarations

- State of Florida <http://floridadisaster.org/info/>
- State of Georgia <http://www.gema.ga.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- State of South Carolina <http://www.scemd.org/>
- State of Alabama <http://governor.alabama.gov/irma>
- State of North Carolina <https://www.ncdps.gov/irma>



Map Created by Child Care Aware® of America highlighting the nearly 3,000 child care providers in Florida who are in the path of Hurricane Irma.

Child Care Potential Impact

In the direct path on the west side of the state, going South to North (earliest to latest impact) the current forecast model predicts impacts in the following counties: Monroe, Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee, Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando. A total of:

1,561 child care centers

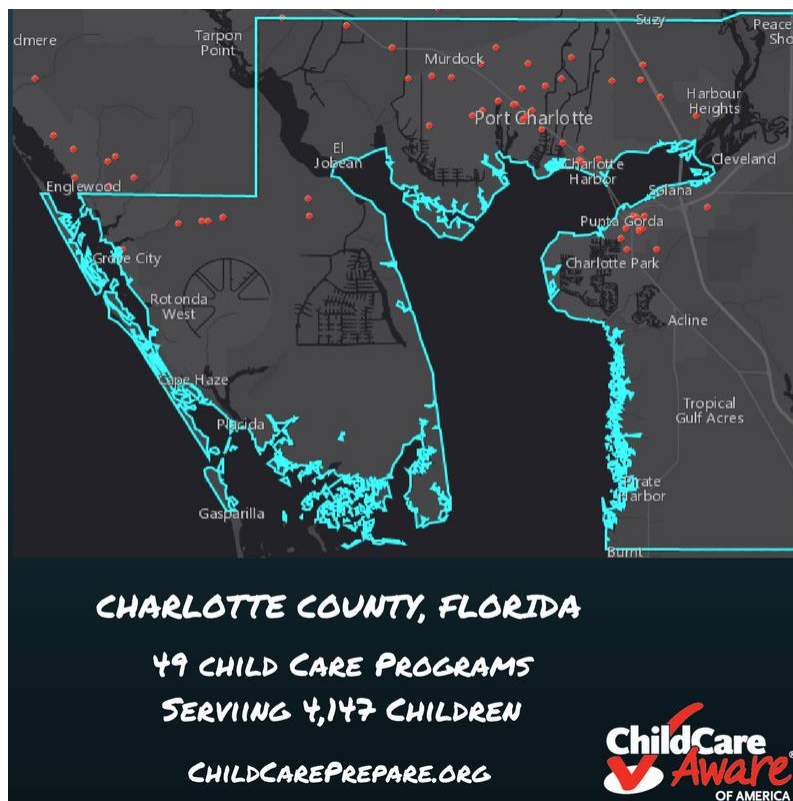
1,229 family child care programs

179,085 total capacity

Detailed County Level Information

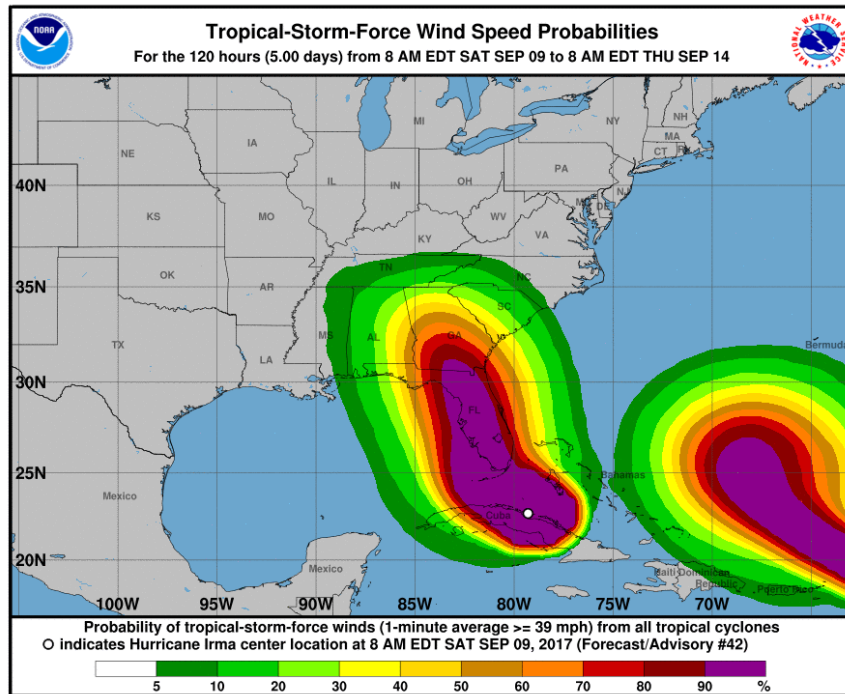
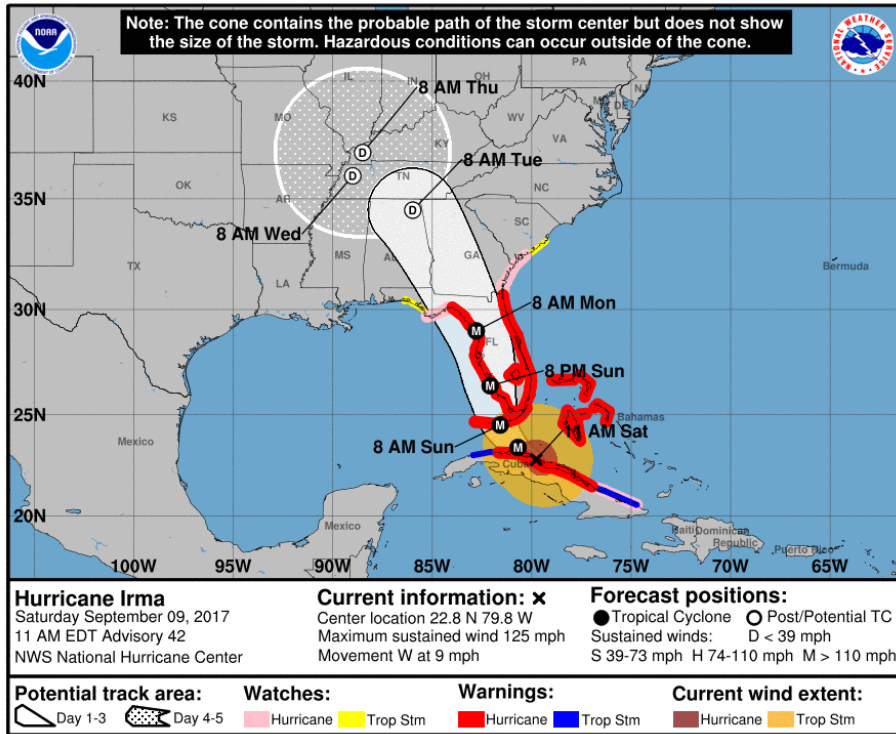
- Hernando County expected 5-8 feet of storm surge
 - 51 child care centers
 - 18 family child care programs
 - Total capacity 6,636
- Pasco County expected 5-8 feet of storm surge
 - 125 child care centers
 - 67 family child care programs
 - Total capacity 5,787
- Pinellas County expected 5-8 feet of storm surge
 - 358 child care centers
 - 327 family child care programs
 - Total capacity 43,693
- Hillsborough County expected 6-10 feet of storm surge
 - 477 child care centers
 - 562 family child care programs
 - Total capacity 66,174
- Manatee County expected 6-10 feet of storm surge
 - 107 child care centers
 - 38 family child care programs
 - Total Capacity 11,312
- Sarasota County expected 6-10 feet of storm surge
 - 122 child care centers
 - 59 family child care programs
 - Total Capacity 9,107

- Charlotte County expected 6-10 feet of storm surge
 - 39 child care centers
 - 10 family child care programs
 - Total Capacity of 4,147
- Lee County expected 10-15 feet of storm surge
 - 156 child care centers
 - 67 family child care programs
 - Total Capacity 17,567
- Collier County
 - 104 child care centers
 - 60 family child care programs
 - Total Capacity 12,577
- Monroe County
 - 22 child care centers
 - 21 family child care programs
 - Total Capacity 2,085



Useful Resources

- Crisis Counseling
Call the @disasterdistressline at (800) 985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to talk to a professional who can help you cope with emotional distress from the storm.
- Disaster Legal Services
If you need legal assistance, call the toll-free HOTLINE (800) 504-7030. Survivors can receive FREE counseling from the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association on insurance claims, landlord-tenant issues, home-repair contracts, the replacement of legal documents destroyed by the storm and other legal matters.
- FEMA Irma Rumor Control Page
 - <https://www.fema.gov/hurricane-irma-rumor-control>
- The NAPSG Foundation has developed a Hurricane Irma story map, a crowd-sourced map containing photos from individuals on the ground. The map can be accessed at:
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/StoryMapCrowdsource/index.html?appid=65f0dde429504c3cb07f0cae0f2c4be6>
- Power outage map for Florida
 - <https://www.fplmaps.com/#>



Updates: visit <http://usa.childcareaware.org/irma>

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