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## FEMA IMPLEMENTS FEMA FOR KIDS PROGRAM

**TRENTON, N.J.** — The Federal Emergency Management Agency has implemented its FEMA for Kids program for pre-to-middle school children in New Jersey.

FEMA for Kids is an interactive, educational program that advocates disaster preparedness to children ages 4-11, in areas that have been affected by a disaster.

In schools and other community-based programs, FEMA teaches children how to prepare for and respond to disasters. Children learn how to create family emergency plans, assemble disaster supply kits and care for their pets in the event of an emergency. The program is presented in an engaging and fun environment.

The program helps children understand their recent experiences by discussing words they might hear after a disaster, such as "emergency," "shelter" and "evacuation."

FEMA for Kids also provides the children an opportunity to express their feelings and concerns about Hurricane Sandy by creating art.

FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance Specialists and FEMA Corps members are scheduled to present this program at more than 20 New Jersey schools and community-based programs this April.

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