

# IYCF-E Preparedness Essentials

Start now to establish safer infant and young child feeding in emergencies (IYCF-E) in your community for all kinds of emergencies.



## Common Acronyms & Terms Used:

- C-MIST – Communication, Maintaining Health, Independence, Support & Safety, and Transportation
- CMS – Consumable Medical Supplies
- DME – Durable Medical Equipment
- FEMA – Federal Emergency Mgmt Agency
- PAS – Personal Assistance Services
- POETE – Planning, Organizing, Equipping, Training, and Exercising
- RTF - Ready to Feed (commercial formula)
- SAFE – Support & Advocacy for Feeding in Emergencies
- VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters

## Essential Aspects of IYCF-E Preparedness:

- Create a network of local perinatal pros.
- Connect with emergency preparedness pros locally (Emergency Managers, state VOAD, healthcare coalition).
- Understand IYCF-E & how to support families with various feeding choices.
- Ensure supportive policies are in place.
- Prepare items & systems needed for emergency response.
- Develop a more breastfeeding-friendly community as a survival strategy.
- Educate the public and responders about safe infant feeding.

## **Need to convince officials that IYCF-E is needed?**

Pediatric Disaster Feeding Research and Advocacy  
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Research & documentation to demonstrate need for an IYCF-E program.

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## **Want help starting or expanding IYCF-E in your area?**

Setting Up Local Infant Feeding  
Emergency Preparedness  
from the SAFE Team

Resources & support to help establish or improve local IYCF-E preparedness.

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