

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

HAZEL CREEK MONTESSORI

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Basic Needs

Shelter – Should the structures of our facility become damaged, we will have an inspection before re-entry. Should we be unable to re-enter a building due to damage, we will utilize what is available to us. There are a total of 10 structures on our property, plus a greenhouse, an authentic 20 ft. Sioux Native American Teepee Lodge, horse trailers, a variety of vehicles, tarps and rope available for emergency shelter situations.

Food – Our facility stores enough food for 100 people for 3 or more days. Our supplies may include oatmeal, beans, rice canned fruit and vegetables. Our menu will be kept simple, nutritious and easy to store.

Water – We will keep on hand 1 gallon of potable water per person/per day for 3 days. For washing, possible fire extinguishing and sanitation, our sources of water will come from the swimming pool, rainwater catch basins and the seasonal creek.

Sanitation – We have several porta potties on site at HCM. We have Clorox stored with emergency supplies to sanitize and make contaminated water potable. We will also boil water when necessary.

First Aid & Expertise – The entire staff has their current CPR-HIV-AIDS training. Many of the staff are both Red Cross Certified Professional Rescuers and Lifeguards. Ollie and Janice have been certified with the Coast Guard for Boating Safety (i.e., transportation, living on an island may give rise to the need of the use of boats). Sharon has extensive

training in outdoor survival and cooking techniques. Janice attended the Emergency Preparedness Class for Childcare Providers and has schooled the entire staff. Ollie has given detailed instructions and a guided tour to our staff around the campus to show everyone where all electrical, water and propane sources are. He has instructed everyone how to shut off these sources in case of an emergency. Scott Weaver has written an extensive Emergency Plan specifically for our school for quarterly and annual review by our staff. Scott's professional training and work deals specifically with local and national disaster preparedness. As one of our parents, Scott's expertise, guidance and volunteer work has been greatly appreciated.

Supplies and Equipment – There are three Red barrels (red for emergency) filled with supplies. These supplies include radios, batteries, flashlights, cooking utensils, matches, candles, diapers, hygiene products, toilet paper, paper towels, food, individual kits, whistles, first aid kits, manuals for emergencies, red and green cloth for overhead alert to helicopters, walkie talkies, changes of clothing, etc. We have included items suggested by several sources specific to our needs. We are fortunate at our facility to have hand tools, gas driven tools and heavy machinery to help in the aid of the removal of debris, the repair of any damage and the re-building of structures.

Transportation – Should transportation become limited, we will have access to walking, bicycling, boating and horseback riding if the need arises. We will also have riding lawn mowers, tractors and excavation equipment available.

Training and Alarm Systems – The staff will remain current with all Red Cross CPR training. We will practice emergency drills with the children on a monthly basis. Our drills are conducted by the staff, removing every child quietly from the classroom, checking the bathrooms and taking our medication box, emergency phone numbers for all the students, roll book, along with our emergency fist-aid backpack. We then count the children and return quietly to our work. These drills are recorded and posted for your viewing. The local Fire Marshal checks our facility every two years to insure the safety of our program. We keep a fully inspected fire extinguisher in each classroom. Our sprinkler

system is checked yearly in the white schoolhouse along with our fire alarm system in the red schoolhouse.

Contacts – HCM will have **one** out of state contact number that families can call. That number will be as follows: **(406) 622-5974**, Bonnie and Larry Cook. Should communication be cut off, you can call this number to find out our status. We keep a plug-in phone at the facility that is not dependent on electricity. Every staff person has a cell phone daily at work. We will take our phones off of voice messaging so you can call direct to (206) 780-1928 and speak to a staff person. We will remain in contact with the local authorities when possible. We will have walkie-talkies, cell phones and possible CB connection to get news out about the status of HCM.

Be Prepared – In the event something should happen, we would like to assure our families that being prepared both mentally and physically is extremely important to the staff at HCM in order to provide the best possible care for your children and our community. Thank you for taking the time to help us prepare.