

# National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health

***The National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health (NCDMPH) was established in 2008 under Homeland Security Presidential Directive 21 for the purpose of leading Federal efforts to develop and propagate core curricula, training and research related to medicine and public health in disasters***

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## **Who We Are**

The NCDMPH is a center of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) – the Nation’s only federal health sciences university

The Center receives oversight and guidance from the Federal Education and Training Interagency Group for Public Health and Medical Disaster Preparedness and Response (FETIG) with representatives from DoD, DHS, HHS, DOT, and VA.

## **The NCDMPH’s work falls under two main areas:**

### **Knowledge & Learning**

Improving pediatric responder education & training by developing accredited learning objects for competency-based pediatric training

Developing disaster preparedness curriculum recommendations for educators & trainers working with health professionals

Providing editorial support to the scholarly journal *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*

Co-published “Core Competencies for Disaster Medicine and Public Health” – a set of foundational competencies for all Emergency Support Function #8 (ESF-8) responders

Held “Learning in Disaster Health: A Continuing Education Workshop” in Washington DC, an interdisciplinary event that focused on education and training in disaster medicine

### **Field Research**

Assessing the learning needs of the disaster health workforce in long-term recovery via community leaders’ perceptions of their recovery after Hurricanes Sandy & Irene

Conducting a case-study analysis of & report on existing successful healthcare coalitions to identify opportunities to improve education & training of disaster medicine & health concepts

Collaborating with Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health & the State of Maryland’s Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to test methods on increasing local health department worker resilience after Hurricane Sandy. The team received funding for this project through a competitive CDC grant.