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Spotlighting Children's Health After a Disaster

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LCDR Christine Nappa is a Community Resilience Coordinator with ASPR's Office of Community Mitigation and Recovery in Washington, D.C., serving in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps since 2021. Her mission experience spans Afghanistan Repatriation, Operation Allies Welcome, COVID-19, Ebola, and Hantavirus responses, and recovery efforts for the Maui and Los Angeles wildfires and Hurricane Helene.

She previously served as Executive Officer within ASPR's H-CORE and held earlier roles on the Public Health Emergency Response Strike Team within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, as well as at Headquarters Marine Corps, the VA, and USO San Diego, reflecting her long-standing focus on vulnerable and military-connected populations.

In her current role, she helps communities address disaster-related gaps in health, education, and human services systems, supporting long-term recovery through capacity building, coalition development, and technical assistance, with particular attention to children, families, and individuals with access and functional needs.

LCDR Nappa holds an MSW from University of Southern California, a BS in Graphic Art from Syracuse, and a Graduate Certificate in Global Health from the Uniformed Services University.

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Dr. Nathan Timm is a leading expert in pediatric emergency management, with over two decades of experience in clinical care and disaster management. He is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and has been an attending physician in the Emergency Department at Cincinnati Children's Hospital for over 20 years. During that time, he has also served as the Medical Director of Emergency Management. He has developed hospital-wide strategies for ED and hospital surge planning, crisis response, business continuity planning, incident management, and interagency coordination. He has authored over 50 peer reviewed publications in emergency medicine and disaster management. He is also currently an active member of Region V for Kids, one of three ASPR Pediatric Disaster Centers of Excellence, leading the Risk and Recovery workgroup which has developed tools for communities around pediatric specific hazard/risk assessment and after-action reports.