

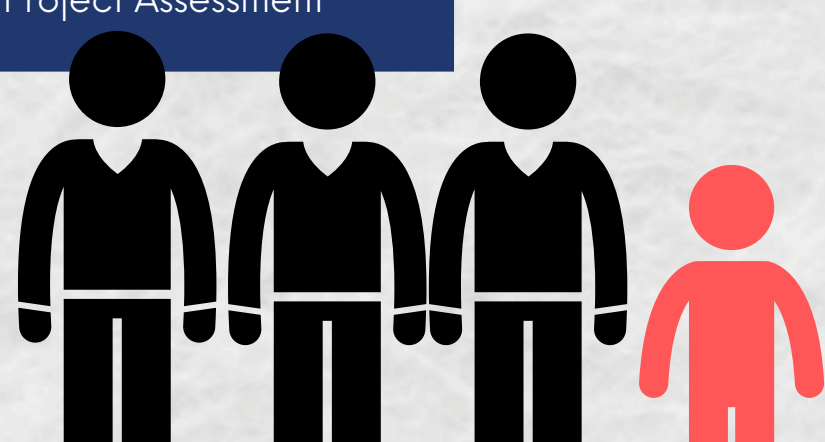


TEXAS PEDIATRIC DISASTER PREPAREDNESS GUIDANCE FOR HOSPITALS

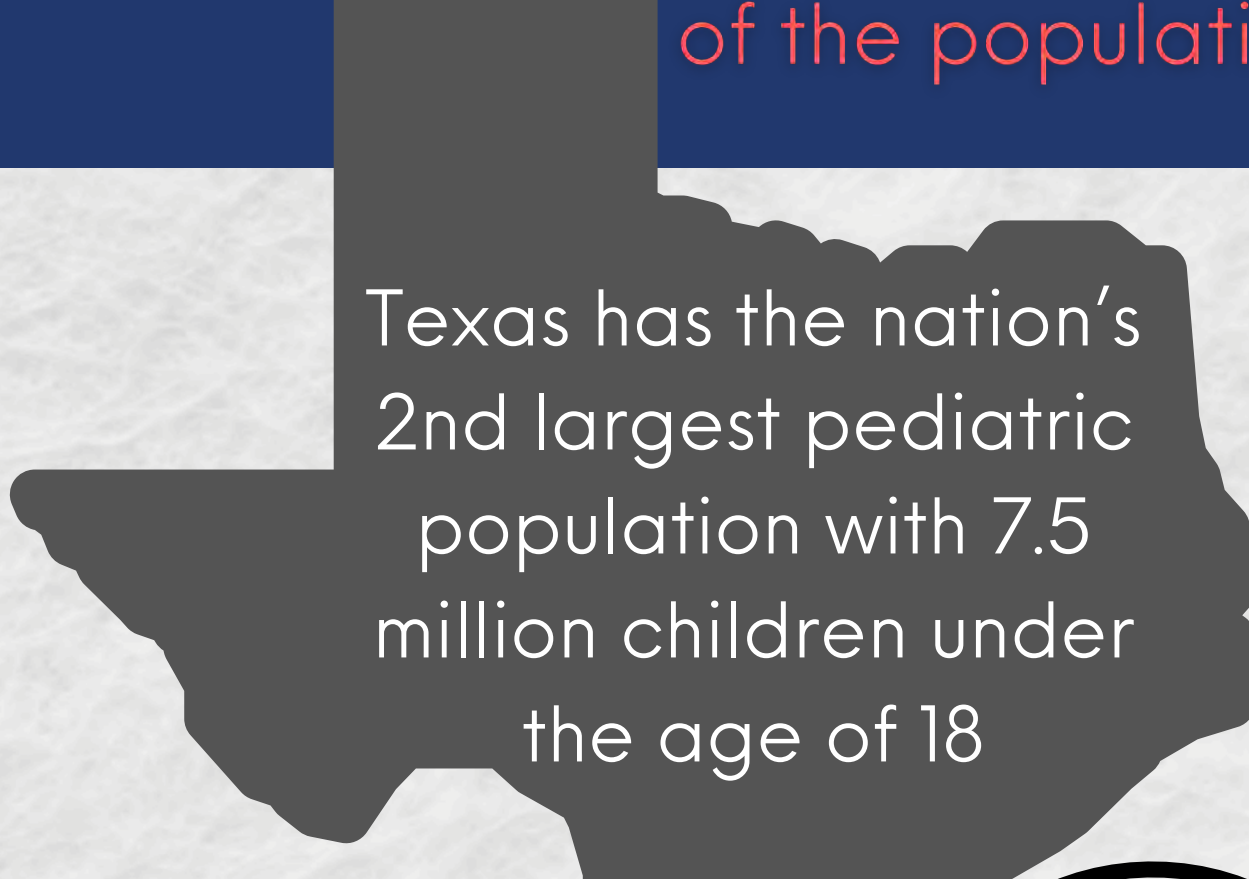
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The portion of Texas hospitals that had disaster plans addressing issues specific to the care of children

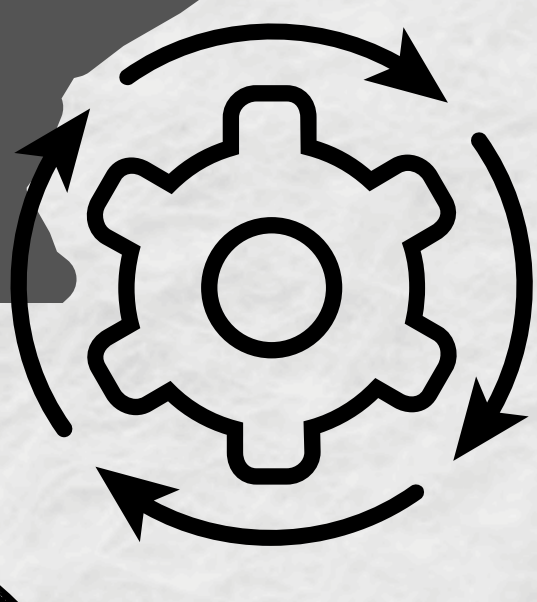
2021 National Pediatric Readiness Project Assessment



Children make up 25% of the population in TX



Texas has the nation's 2nd largest pediatric population with 7.5 million children under the age of 18



01 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Each hospital should have pediatric components and considerations integrated into their disaster plan.



02 HAZARD VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

Identifying potential hazards and risks

03 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Engaging community stakeholders and developing partnerships to enhance planning and exercise involvement before a disaster occurs



04 SURGE CAPACITY

The ability to assemble a team of providers and find space needed to treat and manage an increase in pediatric patients

05 PATIENT MANAGEMENT

Promoting excellence in pediatric emergency care



06 DECONTAMINATION

Special considerations should be made, as it will require more time, resources, and personnel compared to decontamination of adults



07 REUNIFICATION

A family reunification plan should exist, as families and children are often displaced/separated from caregivers



08 SAFETY & SECURITY

Pediatric safety and security issues are critically important



09 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Children react differently due to age, development and their understanding of the situation



10 SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS

These patients require a structured approach that ensures staff are trained, specialized equipment is available and care is family-centered.



11 EXERCISES & DRILLS

Include all age groups to ensure that the challenges specific to pediatric patients are addressed