

# Indicators of Early Childhood Disaster Risk

## Using Data for Strategic Improvements in Emergency Preparedness

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# The Early Childhood Disaster Risk Index

*A tool for ranking the vulnerability  
of the early care and education sector  
to disasters*



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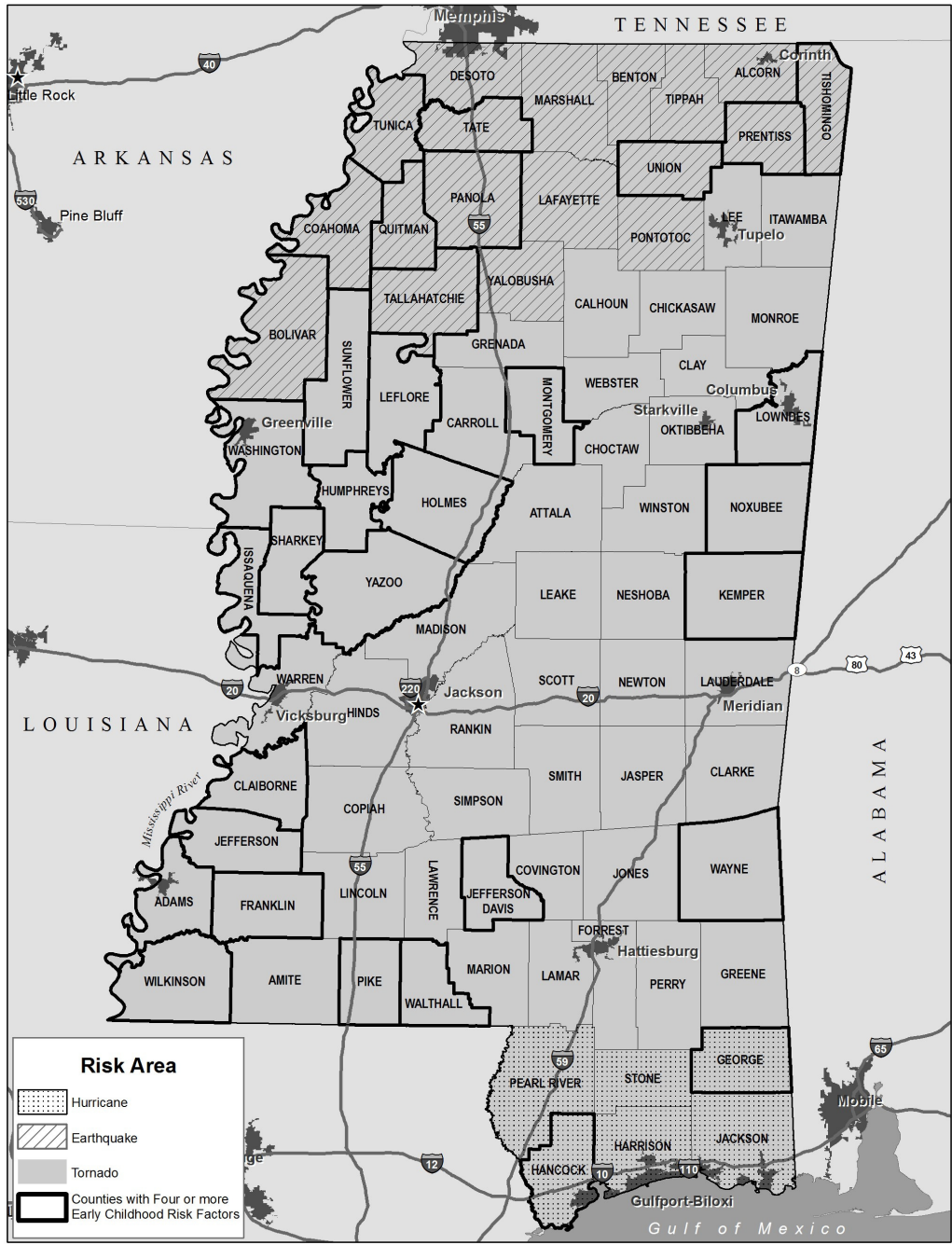
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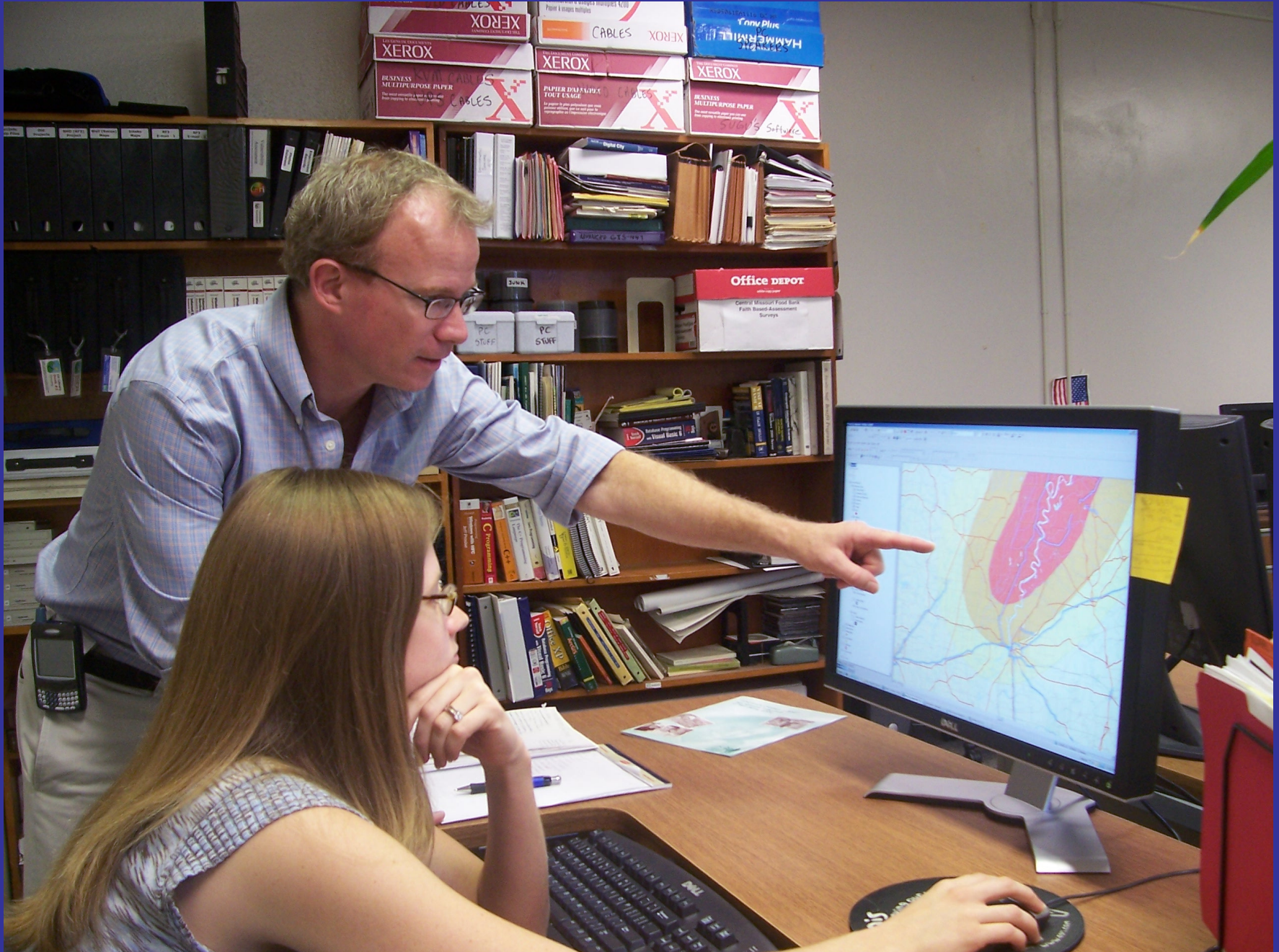
















# Categories of Indicators

- Young Child Well-Being
- Early Childhood Services
- Early Childhood Emergency Preparedness
- Disaster Risk Areas



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# Child Well-Being Indicators

- Percentage of Children Ages 0-4 in Poverty
- *Percentage of Single-Parent Households*
- *Percentage of Third-Graders Scoring Proficient or Above on Reading Tests*



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# Early Childhood Services Indicators

- Access to Licensed/Registered Child Care
- Access to Child Care Resource and Referral Services
- Statewide Child Care Quality Rating System



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# Early Childhood Services Indicators

- *Proportion of high-quality child care slots in a geographic area*
- *Proportion of degreed early childhood teachers in a geographic area*



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# Emergency Preparedness Indicators

- Mandatory Evacuation Planning for Licensed/Registered Child Care Providers
- Lack of Data-Sharing within Early Childhood Sector
- Lack of Data-Sharing between Early Childhood and Emergency Management Sectors



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# Natural Disaster Risk Indicators

- Hurricane Area
- Tornado Area
- Earthquake Area
- Volcano Area



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# Technological Disaster Risk Indicators

- *Risk Area for Chemical Incidents*
- *Risk Area for Terrorist Attacks*



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# Numbers and Percentages Of Highly Vulnerable Counties

South Carolina	46	100.0
<b>California</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>93.1</b>
Tennessee	87	91.5
<b>Georgia</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>76.7</b>
Texas	188	74.0
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>68.6</b>
North Carolina	48	48.0
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42.6</b>
Louisiana	26	40.6
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40.2</b>
Missouri	41	35.6
<b>Florida</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31.3</b>



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# Early Childhood Infrastructure

- Child Care
  - Licensed
  - Registered
  - Exempt
- Head Start
- Health and Nutrition
- Subsidized care
- Pre-kindergarten
  - School-based
  - State-funded



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*Disasters threaten young children's long-term social-emotional health ...*



*In turn, social-emotional trauma threatens learning and physical health ...*





*Restoring routines helps children cope ...*

# The Early Childhood Disaster Risk Index

- Identified four categories of vulnerability indicators for the early childhood sector
- Gathered data for specific indicators
- Ranked counties in 12 states according to number of indicators
- Designated counties with 4+ indicators as “highly vulnerable”
- Produced data about number and capacity of five types of early childhood services in highly vulnerable counties

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