



Arizona Pediatric Disaster Coalition Organizational Structure

The Arizona Pediatric Disaster Coalition (APDC) functions in alignment with the National Pediatric Disaster Coalition, Coyote Crisis Collaborative, and the four regional Health Care Coalitions (HCCs) in Arizona: Southern Region, Western Region, Northern Region, and Central Region. The APDC does not duplicate the work of the Regional HCCs, but instead advocates for children in disasters, identifies and addresses pediatric-specific gaps, and provides guidance on resources, indicators, and other recommendations to the Regional HCCs.

The APDC requests through ESF-8 government agencies resource requests and coordination to foster optimal pediatric care during a disaster. The APDC also communicates through ESF-8 government agencies.

The APDC is governed by an Advisory Committee, comprised of Arizona's pediatric hospitals, Arizona Department of Health Services (Emergency Management Services for Children and Preparedness), the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and a behavioral health subject matter expert. Other subject matter expertise may serve on the Advisory Committee or provide necessary information through work groups.

Each officer of the Advisory Committee serves a one-year term. The officers include:

- The Chair,
- The Co-Chair, and
- The Past Chair (advisory role).

The election of a new Chair and Co-Chair will be held during a regular Advisory Committee meeting before the month in which the incumbent's term expires. If the Chair or Co-Chair leaves office before the term expires, the Chair can appoint an interim Co-Chair until an election is held.

The APDC Advisory Committee meetings are twice a year or more often as needed.