

# BUILDING RESILIENCE FROM LIVED EXPERIENCE

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## SUMMARY

In this [brief written narrative](#), the CYSHCN Director in South Carolina discusses the states sheltering process when responding to natural disasters, specifically hurricanes. Anna Bleasdale, who is also a registered nurse, also discusses the state's use of the Nursing Triage Line and provides recommendations around communications and collaborations for other jurisdictions.

## KEY WORDS

Communications  
Collaboration  
Mass sheltering  
Community partnership

## SYSTEMIC FACTORS ADDRESSED

Transportation  
Communication access  
Health care access



## LOCATION

South Carolina

## EMERGENCY TYPE(S)



Natural Disaster or Severe Weather

## MAJOR TAKEAWAYS



### FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

Even during an emergency, you should still get the time-critical services and resources you need. There are resources available to ensure you and your family get the support you need. Even with these resources, it is important to have an emergency plan in place.



### FOR HEALTH AND RELATED SYSTEMS

Collaboration and communication are key to building infrastructure for responding to natural disasters and other emergencies. Partnering with other state and community agencies ensures the well-being of residents, and having a communication system that is easily accessible for individuals is invaluable.



### FOR COMMUNITIES

Investment in communication systems like the Nursing Triage Line can help ensure that families with special health care needs can still receive screening, medical needs sheltering, follow-up care, and other resources during an emergency.

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