

**You are cordially invited to join the Resilient Children/Resilient Communities Initiative
for a Congressional Briefing on
Building Child Focused Disaster Resilient Communities**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Capitol Visitors Center - SVC 214

We are pleased to invite you to a [Congressional Briefing on Building Child Focused Disaster Resilient Communities](#) presented by [The Resilient Children / Resilient Communities Initiative](#) from **10:00 AM – 11:30 AM ET on Tuesday April 17, 2018 in Room SVC 214 of the Capitol Visitor's Center**. This Initiative is a partnership between the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University's Earth Institute and Save the Children, funded by a grant from the global healthcare company GSK.

Coalitions in Washington County, Arkansas and Putnam County, New York have been working with partners at the National Center for Disaster Preparedness at Columbia University's Earth Institute and Save the Children to build a sustainable, replicable model for child-focused community resilience. In this briefing, you will hear first-hand from these communities and national experts on this model, the state of recovery from recent disasters, and what matters most when crafting national policy to meet the unique needs of children in disasters.

Registration is required for access to the briefing for attendees without a congressional ID. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP, please click here: <http://bit.ly/RCRC417>

Scheduled speakers include:

- **Senator John Boozman** – R-Arkansas
- **Congressman Steve Womack** - R-Arkansas 3rd District
- **Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney** – D-New York 18th District
- **Jeanne-Aimee De Marrias** – Senior Director, US Emergencies, Save the Children
- **Irwin Redlener, MD** – Director, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Professor of Health Policy and Management & Pediatrics Columbia University & President Emeritus/ Co-Founder Children's Health Fund
- **John Luther** – Director of Emergency Management, Washington County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- **Debbie Malone** – Program Manager, Childcare Aware of Northwest Arkansas, and Community Liaison, Resilient Children Resilient Communities Initiative, Washington County
- **Barbara Garbarino** - Community Liaison, Resilient Children Resilient Communities Initiative, Putnam County
- **Barbara Ilardi** – Director, Health Education and Community Partnerships Putnam County Department of Health

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