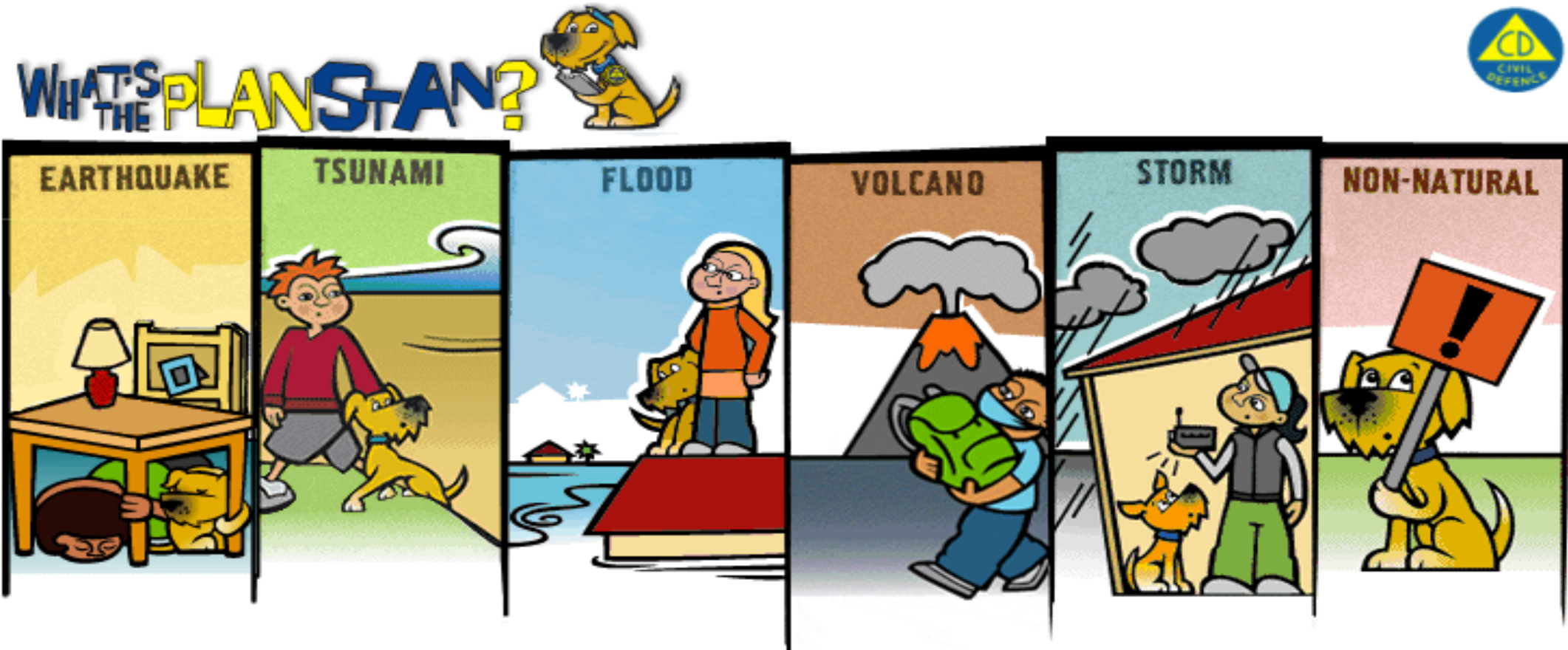




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Child Welfare Policy Manual

Chapter 1.14: Emergency Operations Plan



DFCS Emergency Operations Plan

- The Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act Section 422 (b) (16) require all states to have a disaster plan in place to address how the state's child welfare agency will ensure the continuity of child welfare services in the wake of a disaster.

DFCS Emergency Operations Plan

- DFCS is committed to ensuring the safety of children under the State's care and supervision. The Emergency Operations policy 1.14 outlines procedures to:
 - Identify
 - Locate and
 - Continue availability of services to children and caregivers who are displaced or adversely affected by a disaster.



DFCS Emergency Operations Plan

- The policy aligns with the more extensive DFCS Disaster Plan that offers guidance for how DFCS shall:
 - Respond to new child welfare cases in areas adversely affected by a disaster;
 - Provide services to new cases in areas affected by disaster;
 - Remain in communication with Social Services Case Managers (SSCMs) and other child welfare personnel who are displaced because of a disaster;

DFCS Emergency Operations Plan

AND

- Preserve essential program records;
- Coordinate services and share information with other states and
- Ensure each County DFCS office develops, and updates annually, a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP).



DFCS Emergency Operations Plan

- Emergency response efforts begin and end at the local level
- DFCS is responsible for supporting the development of local plans by offering guidance:
 - Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) template
 - RBWO Standard 13.33



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- Planning consideration for emergency / disaster is to include such things as:
 1. Transportation
 2. Medication
 3. Record Management
 4. Ongoing Communication
 5. Location of the nearest shelter, hospital, police and fire station



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