

# National Strategy for Youth Preparedness Education

## PARTNER AFFIRMATION WORKSHEET

### SECTION I: OUR VISION

Developed jointly by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Department of Education, and the Red Cross, the *National Strategy for Youth Preparedness Education: Empowering, Educating and Building Resilience* (National Strategy) envisions a nation in which youth are empowered to prepare for and respond to disasters. Partners at the local, state, and national levels will work together to elevate the importance of youth preparedness, educating youth on the specific actions to take during and in the aftermath of a disaster, and encouraging youth to spread the message of preparedness to their communities. Together we can create more resilient communities today and more prepared adults of the future.

Today, we ask you to help propel the youth preparedness movement. By aligning your organization's activities with one or more of the nine priority steps listed below, as well as the short- and long-term goals encompassed therein, you are joining a network of the nation's most prominent public and private sector organizations that are likewise dedicated to promoting youth preparedness and building a more resilient nation.

### SECTION II: PRIORITY STEPS

Please select which of the National Strategy priority steps (one or more) your organization would like to focus on.

1. Elevate the importance of youth preparedness learning programs at the national, state, and local levels.
2. Evaluate the quality and effectiveness of existing and new youth preparedness programs.
3. Support the implementation of youth preparedness learning programs.
4. Create positive relationships between youth and the first responder community.
5. Link youth preparedness to family and community participation, especially in communities where English may not be the first language spoken (or understood) among adults, in other underrepresented communities, and inclusive of individuals with access and functional needs.
6. Make school preparedness a key component of youth preparedness.
7. Build and strengthen productive partnerships among stakeholder agencies and organizations.
8. Identify opportunities to embed youth preparedness in youth culture.
9. Design a sustaining, locally driven model for developing, designing, and delivering programming.



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## SECTION III: PARTNER COMMITMENTS

Please detail below the activities you will conduct to execute the priority steps identified in Section II. Please clearly specify which activity aligns with which priority step(s) 1-9. [If more space is needed, please complete your response in a separate document and submit it with your worksheet.]

## SECTION IV: AFFIRMATION

This partnership affirmation (the “affirmation”) made and entered into on \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_ (the “partner”) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency confirms that the partner affirms the principles encompassed in the National Strategy. The partner pledges to promote youth preparedness through the activities submitted.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**Disclaimer:** Your organization will be promoted as a proud partner of the National Strategy. Your information is being collected solely for use by FEMA with regards to the National Strategy. Your information will not be shared with or used by any external entity unless prior permission is given.

We are grateful for your commitment to the National Strategy and look forward to partnering with you on promoting youth preparedness. Please complete this affirmation in its entirety and email to [FEMA-Youth-Preparedness@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Youth-Preparedness@fema.dhs.gov). Your FEMA representative will contact you as soon as possible regarding next steps.