

Wildfire and Windstorm Resources for L.A. County Schools & Communities

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Mental Health and Wellness Resources

Digital Applications:

- <u>BrightLife Kids</u>: A <u>CalHope</u> app by Brightline providing mental health and caregiving support tailored to children aged 0-12 years old and their families. BrightLife Kids is available free of charge and can be shared as a resource to caregivers and families experiencing stress.
- Soluna App: California's mental health app designed for ages 13-25, offering emotional health resources. Completely free and confidential for California teens and young adults. Always.
- Never a Bother: Launched in 2024 by the California Department of Public Health's Office of Suicide Prevention, this campaign aims to prevent suicide among teens and young adults in California.

Tips and Guides:

- National Child Traumatic Stress Network Wildfire Resources: Provides guidance on supporting children affected by wildfire-related trauma.
- <u>California Association of School Psychologists</u>: Resources for teachers and families to support children and youth following a wildfire.
- Children & Recovery from Wildfires: This guide discusses potential reactions and helpful responses according to kids' age groups.
- Helping Children After a Wildfire: Tips for caregivers and teachers from the National Association of School Psychologists.
- Parent Guidelines for Helping Children Impacted by Wildfires from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network.
- How to Talk to Your Children About the California Wildfires and Other Natural Disasters from Parents Magazine.
- Be Prepared to Communicate: Tip sheet from the UCLA Prevention Center of Excellence to support parents in speaking with their kids about difficult situations.
- Coping After a Natural Disaster: Resource for parents of babies and toddlers from the national non-profit organization Zero to Three.
- <u>Coping with Trauma and Stress in the Face of Wildfires:</u> Tips for Early Childhood Educators from the national nonprofit organization Zero to Three.
- <u>LACOE Compilation of Resources:</u> Various wildfire-focused mental health and homeless education resources