

# 1028 Hurricane Andrew Pre-Post Study (HAPPS)

## Abstract

This study examined (a) children's pre-disaster behavioral and academic functioning as a predictor of posttraumatic stress (PTS) following Hurricane Andrew and (b) whether children who were exposed to the disaster would display a worsening of prior functioning. Fifteen months before the disaster, 92 4th through 6th graders provided self-reports of anxiety; peers and teachers rated behavior problems (anxiety, inattention, and conduct) and academic skills. Measures were repeated 3 months post-disaster; children also reported PTS symptoms and hurricane-related experiences (i.e., exposure). PTS symptoms were again assessed 7 months post-disaster.

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**PACT/R Dataset Number**

1028

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**Number of assessment points**

3

**Study language**

English

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### **Inclusion criteria**

Children who attended an elementary school that enrolls students from a broad geographic area in southern Miami -Dade County and from lower-class to upper-middle-class neighborhoods. This particular school was in a neighborhood that was moderately affected by the hurricane; substantial damage to the roof of the school and to the trees and landscaping surrounding the building was apparent. Because the children attending the school lived in neighborhoods throughout

Miami-Dade County, their degree of exposure to the disaster varied from mild to very severe. All 92 children had participated in a study of children's anxiety, worry, and behavior problems in May 1991, 15 months before Hurricane Andrew and 18 months before the first post-disaster assessment was conducted.

### **Exclusion criteria**

None listed

## Temporal Coverage

1991 - 1993

## Spatial Coverage

United States

### **Country**

US

## Funding Information

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BellSouth Foundation

## Data

### **Analysis Unit**

Individual

### **Analysis Units Covered**

Child exposed to an index potentially traumatic event

## PACT/R Metadata

### Concepts

#### PACT/R Topics

- Demographics
- Demographics - index child
- Demographics - parent(s) / caretaker(s) of index child
- Index event / trauma exposure
- Nature of index event / trauma
- Characteristics of child's exposure to index event / trauma
- Characteristics of parent's exposure to index trauma
- Trauma history
- Trauma history of index child
- Trauma history of parent(s) / caretaker(s) of index child
- Mental health symptoms - index child
- Traumatic stress symptoms / responses to trauma
- Depression symptoms
- Anxiety symptoms
- Functional impairment - Quality of life
- Functional impairment - index child

#### Demographics

#### Demographics - index child

Parent Concepts

- Demographics

#### Demographics - parent(s) / caretaker(s) of index child

Parent Concepts

- Demographics

 Index event / trauma exposure

 Nature of index event / trauma

Parent Concepts

- [Index event / trauma exposure](#)

 Characteristics of child's exposure to index event / trauma

Parent Concepts

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Parent Concepts

- [Trauma history](#)

 Mental health symptoms - index child

 Traumatic stress symptoms / responses to trauma


Parent Concepts

- [Mental health symptoms - index child](#)

 Depression symptoms

Parent Concepts

- [Mental health symptoms - index child](#)

 Anxiety symptoms

Parent Concepts

- [Mental health symptoms - index child](#)

 Functional impairment - Quality of life

 Functional impairment - index child

Parent Concepts

- [Functional impairment - Quality of life](#)

## Conceptual Variables

 PACT/R Conceptual Variables

This set has no items.

 PACT/R Conceptual Variables

 Demographics

Concept

Demographics

 Demographics - index child


Concept

Demographics - index child


Items


- [child age in years](#)
- [child years of school / grade](#)
- [child gender](#)
- [child race / ethnicity](#)
- [family composition](#)
- [child's primary language](#)

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 Demographics - parent(s) / caretaker(s) of index child

Concept

Demographics - parent(s) / caretaker(s) of index child


Items

- [parent / caretaker relationship to index child](#)
- [parent age](#)

- parent gender
- parent race / ethnicity
- parent relationship / marital status
- parent highest level of education completed


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 parent gender

 parent race / ethnicity

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 Index event / trauma exposure

Concept

**Index event / trauma exposure**

 Nature of index event / trauma

Concept

**Nature of index event / trauma**

Items

- Broad type of index event / trauma
- Description of index event / trauma

 Broad type of index event / trauma

 Description of index event / trauma


 Characteristics of child's exposure to index event / trauma


Concept

Characteristics of child's exposure to index event / trauma

Items

- [Type of exposure to index event / trauma](#)


 Type of exposure to index event / trauma

 Characteristics of parent's exposure to index trauma

Concept

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 Trauma history

Concept

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 Trauma history of index child

Concept

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 Trauma history of parent(s) / caretaker(s) of index child


Concept

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Items

- any prior trauma (before index trauma)?
- number of types of prior trauma
- age at earliest trauma
- prior unintentional injury
- prior MVA/RTA
- prior acute medical event
- prior interpersonal violence
- prior abuse / maltreatment
- prior exposure to disaster
- prior exposure to war / armed conflict
- prior refugee trauma
- other prior trauma
- prior interpersonal trauma (any type)
- prior non-interpersonal trauma (any type)


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 Mental health symptoms - index child

Concept

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 Traumatic stress symptoms / responses to trauma

Concept

Traumatic stress symptoms / responses to trauma


 Re-experiencing


Items

- [Intrusive thoughts](#)
- [Distressing dreams](#)
- [Feel event is happening again](#)
- [Psychological distress at reminders](#)
- [Physical distress at reminders](#)

 Intrusive thoughts

 Distressing dreams

 Feel event is happening again

 Psychological distress at reminders


 Physical distress at reminders

 Avoidance

Items

- [Avoid thoughts feelings abt event](#)
- [Avoid activities places people that are reminders](#)

 Avoid thoughts feelings abt event

 Avoid activities places people that are reminders

 Dissociation (peri- or post-trauma)


Items


- **Numbing/ detachment / absence of emotional responsiveness**
- **Reduction in awareness of surroundings (in a daze)**
- **Derealization**
- **Dissociative amnesia**

 Numbing/ detachment / absence of emotional responsiveness

 Reduction in awareness of surroundings (in a daze)

 Derealization

 Dissociative amnesia

 Cognitive or mood changes

Items

- **Inability to recall important parts of event**
- **Diminished interest or participation in things usually enjoy**
- **Detachment estrangement from others**
- **Restricted range of affect**
- **Foreshortened future**
- **Persistent exaggerated negative beliefs or expectations**
- **Persistent distorted cognitions / blame self or others**
- **Persistent negative emotional state**

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 Hyperarousal

Items

- Irritability / angry outbursts
- Difficulty concentrating
- Hypervigilance
- Exaggerated startle
- Reckless or self-destructive behavior
- Difficulty falling or staying asleep


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 Depression symptoms

Concept

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 Anxiety symptoms

Concept

Anxiety symptoms

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 Functional impairment - Quality of life

Concept

Functional impairment - Quality of life

 Functional impairment - index child

Concept

Functional impairment - index child

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## Code Lists

### Study language

Language in which study is conducted, i.e. language used in assessment measures, interviews, etc with participants

- English
- Spanish
- German

### English

### Spanish

### German