

Mission Ready Package (MRP) – Safe Infant Feeding Team

What is a Safe Infant Feeding MRP?

The Safe Infant Feeding Mission Ready Package (MRP) is a specialized team of Rocky Mountain Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers who provide critical support for families with infants during emergencies. These trained and credentialed volunteers use the principles of **Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E)** to ensure infants have safe, adequate nutrition even in crisis situations.

Our Mission

Emergencies can disrupt normal feeding practices, creating risks for infant health and development. The Safe Infant Feeding Team is dedicated to:

- Protecting, promoting, and supporting breastfeeding.
- Ensuring safe preparation and use of formula when needed.
- Educating caregivers on safe feeding practices.
- Preventing malnutrition and illness in infants and young children.

What is IYCF-E?

Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) is a globally recognized framework that emphasizes the importance of appropriate and safe feeding practices for infants and young children during emergencies. This approach prioritizes breastfeeding support, the safe use of breast milk substitutes when necessary, and the education of caregivers to minimize risks to child health.

Services Provided

The Safe Infant Feeding MRP is equipped to:

- Establish safe spaces for breastfeeding support.
- Provide evidence-based guidance on infant feeding during emergencies.
- Offer one-on-one and group education for caregivers.
- Collaborate with health departments and relief agencies to meet infant feeding needs.
- Support formula feeding with proper preparation, hygiene, and safe water practices.

Who Are We?

Our team includes credentialed lactation specialists, healthcare professionals, and trained volunteers with expertise in IYCF-E principles. They work together to support families in their time of greatest need.

Why the Safe Infant Feeding MRP is Essential

- **Protecting Vulnerable Populations:** Infants are among the most vulnerable in emergencies, and proper feeding practices are critical for their survival and growth.
- **Supporting Caregivers:** Our team offers compassionate, practical support to parents and caregivers during stressful situations.

- **Promoting Long-Term Health:** By prioritizing safe and appropriate feeding practices, we reduce the risk of malnutrition, illness, and mortality.
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Join the Safe Infant Feeding Team!

Are you passionate about helping families in need? Volunteering with the Safe Infant Feeding Team is a rewarding opportunity to make a lasting impact. We welcome trained lactation consultants, who are interested in learning IYCF-E principles. Apply here:

<https://forms.gle/XLnjBYapCprWVMEF7>

Together, we can safeguard the health of infants during emergencies.