Some children are at a particularly "high risk" of having serious problems after a disaster/event...

Generally, these are children who have experienced

LOSS, RELOCATION, DEATH, WAR...

☆ These children are more Vulnerable to the effects of disastrous events.

EXAMPLES OF HIGH-RISK CHILDREN:

* Watsonville, California
  - These children experienced some of the strongest effects of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake.

* Cambodian children
  - Some of the families of these children were afraid to go to "shelters" after the 1989 earthquake because of the memories they have of executions in "shelters/camps" in Cambodia.

* Children living in low income/depressed communities may have also experienced very difficult times: poverty, crime, death, drugs on a daily basis.

* Children from other countries which have had earthquakes, i.e. Mexico, "re-live" those events during a new disaster.

* Children from El Salvador are now being diagnosed as having post-traumatic stress disorders.