

Pediatric Feeding Concerns – Pracademic Research and Advocacy Milestones. For a more updated list, please visit <https://bartondunant.com/pediatric-feeding>

Timeframe	Milestone	Status
March 27, 2023	Russell presents problem statement to IAEM-CAD Caucus.	Completed
March 31, 2023	Prasad starts discussions with FEMA about PA/Category B, Recovery Assistance, CUSI listing, FNSS updates, NMCS website.	In Progress
May 10, 2023	Prasad and Russell co-author article in the <i>Domestic Preparedness Journal</i> .	Published
April, 2023	Prasad starts discussions with various groups within Disaster Cycle Services at the American Red Cross’ national headquarters, including Mass Care and Disaster Health Services.	In Progress
September 10, 2023	As part of work to increase content to be made available for the National Mass Care Strategy Website, Prasad hosts the first of three “Build-a-Tabletop Exercise” series, to build a template for a tabletop exercise which SLTTs can use to help them pre-plan and pre-stage support for breastfeeding at future mass care shelters and fixed feeding sites.	Ongoing
November, 2023	Authors’ problem statement approved for inject and other pre-exercise work for the 2024 National Mass Care Exercise, held in Shippensburg, PA.	Completed
November 1, 2023	Russell co-leads web panel on “Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies: Preparedness Systems for Communities to Keep Babies Safe”, with the US Breastfeeding Committee and	Completed

	the National Association of County and City Health Officials.	
November 8, 2023	Prasad requests the American Red Cross lead the changes to the National Mass Care Strategy's website for feeding, to support more family choice support for infant/toddler feeding	Partially Completed, see May 2, 2024 entry
December 1, 2023	Prasad received Institutional Review Board approval for exempt research on the American Red Cross sheltering records, from American Public University (2023-095).	Approved
January, 2024	Red Cross indicates it does not have historic feeding data, from the Logistical requisition perspective. Prasad continues to explore other dataset research options at the Red Cross.	Declined
January, 2024	Prasad received initial research results from the Red Cross, on demographics of large-scale disaster recovery case work for families, for the past three years. Averaging 3% year-over-year, for children ages 2 and under. This will be utilized as the default denominator in further research, as well as the factoring number for logistics support 'best case' defaults (3 for every 100).	Completed
January 25, 2024	Prasad reaches out to the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, for modifications to their "Infection Prevention and Control for Shelters during Disasters" guidelines ¹ related	Open

¹ <https://apic.org/ipc-for-shelters-during-disasters/>

	to shelter-based breastfeeding activities.	
February, 2024	Created Spanish-language version of problem statement presentation, for use in Puerto Rico.	Completed
March, 2024	Prasad contacts PREMA to coordinate a Spanish-language version of the problem statement, utilizing native Spanish speakers with public health expertise.	Open
March, 2024	Prasad received decline notice from FEMA's Higher Education Program to present problem statement at the 26 th Annual FEMA Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium.	Declined
April, 2024	Prasad received notification of acceptance of problem statement into IAEM-USA's annual conference's pre-conference virtual webinars, scheduled for October 2024.	Open
May, 2024	Russell presents the problem statement to Maine State Breastfeeding Coalition on a webinar, with MEMA Mass Care lead.	Completed
May, 2024	Prasad observes the National Mass Care Exercise (Keystone 6) in Pennsylvania and reports findings for the After-Action Report/Improvement Plan	Completed (although findings were <u>not</u> included in the AAR/IP created by the State of Pennsylvania).
May, 2024	Prasad introduces FEMA's Office of Disability Integration & Coordination to the problem statement.	Open
May 4, 2024	National Mass Care Strategy's Feeding page on their website now includes notice of Infant/Toddler Feeding Support in Shelters .	Completed
June, 2024	Prasad communicates with Healthcare Ready (healthcareready.org) to inquire if they want to help	Completed – NGO indicates it does not currently have the capacity to support, as requested; however, they

	with DME and CMS logistics, especially from retail pharmacies.	recommended following up with ASPR-related groups for change management advocacy and leadership.
June, 2024	Prasad provides comments for FEMA's new <i>Planning Considerations: Putting People First</i> guidance document, during public comment period.	Closed – Prasad's edits and comments were not included in this initial version.
July 4, 2024	Prasad initiates inquiry to Red Cross as to specifics of changes made at FEMA regarding PA Cat B support (403? CUSI? FNSS? What about 501 for emergencies?)	Open
July 4, 2024	Prasad submits public commentary on changes needed to version 5.0 of FEMA's Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide, FP 104-009-2 (PAPPG)	Closed - Comment Tracking Number: ly7-fjkl-1odr Two of six recommendations were adopted by FEMA. See January 6, 2025 milestone
August 16, 2024	USBC suggested its members submit comments to the PAPPG	Completed
August 23, 2024	USBC makes its own advocacy comments to the PAPPG, based on recommendations from the authors	Completed
September 13, 2024	Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine (ABM) publishes its own position statement on breastfeeding in emergency situations ²	Completed
December 22, 2024	Prasad contacts FEMA's Office of Civil Rights to start conversations on including pediatric feeding / family choices as part of their model for supporting people beyond the ADA legal requirements.	Open
January 6, 2025	FEMA adopts new language supporting breast feeding / chest feeding into version 5.0 of the PAPPG for congregate care sheltering (p. 143).	Completed

² <https://doi.org/10.1089/bfm.2024.84219.bess>

January 28, 2025	Prasad and Russell present problem statement to Southwest Florida Healthcare Coalition	Completed
May 5, 2025	Prasad incorporates problem statement into HDIAC's annual Public Health Tabletop Exercise, which involves U.S. military medical personnel supporting an international (non-US located) displaced persons camp	Completed
May 8, 2025	Prasad and Russell present problem statement at the inaugural Pracademic Emergency Management/Homeland Security Summit, sponsored by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Completed
October 13, 2025	Prasad submits problem statement update to <i>Issues in Science and Technology</i> . The editors have reviewed the submission and "don't feel that the subject is a good fit for <i>Issues</i> ."	Declined
November 11, 2025	Prasad is added as a pediatric feeding subject-matter expert to the Children and Disaster Subcommittee of the Mass Care Committee for National VOAD	Completed
March 31, 2026	Russell successfully defends her doctoral dissertation at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Jennifer Hope Russell had infant and young child feeding in emergencies (IYCF-E) as her focal problem statement.	Completed
April 10, 2026	A jury in Chicago on Friday said Abbott Laboratories (ABT.N), opens new tab must pay \$70 million in damages to a group of families that had accused the company of failing to warn that its formula for premature infants can	Ongoing – see Reuters story here: https://bit.ly/4evzcEE

	cause a potentially deadly bowel disease, according to a company spokesperson.	
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