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Being Prepared

Including People with Disabilities in Emergency Planning

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Preparation through education is much less costly than learning through tragedy.

-Max Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center



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Importance of Advanced Planning

- September 11, 2001
- Hurricane Katrina
- Hurricane Irene
- Tornadoes / Severe weather
- Flooding / Blizzards



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FEMA Overview

- 2010 - Established the Office of Disability Integration and Coordination
- 2010-2011 –Regional Disability Integration Specialists
- 2010-2011 - Getting Real Inclusive Emergency Management conferences
- 2011 - RDIS Disaster Deployments
- 2010 – MOA with NCIL and NDRN









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Obtaining Preparedness Information

- Accessible communication
 - Plain language
 - Alternate formats
 - Other languages
 - Use of pictures
- Relevant content

If you need:

-  ASL Interpreter
-  Large Print
-  Braille
-  Clear speech
-  TTY
-  Explanation

Just ask!



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Preparedness Resources

- **For Individuals**

- www.ready.gov
- Feeling Safe, Being Safe - <http://www.nlacrc.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentID=230>
- Videos in American Sign Language - <http://www.ready.illinois.gov/>
- Do One Thing - www.do1thing.com



Preparedness

- What agencies can do:
 - Provide accessible information
 - Alternate formats
 - Plain language
 - Pictures
 - Partnerships between emergency management and disability service providers
 - Have an agency emergency plan



Planning

- What individuals can do:
 - Make an emergency plan
 - Communication
 - Evacuation
 - Support services
 - Have an emergency kit
 - Include low-tech alternatives to high-tech communication devices



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Planning

- What agencies can do:
 - Know the role you would play in your community during and after an emergency
 - Have an accessible emergency plan for your employees and visitors
 - Include people with disabilities in the planning process
 - Include people with disabilities in exercises



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Planning

- Recruiting people with disabilities to participate in planning and exercise activities
 - Centers for Independent Living
 - Self-Advocacy groups
 - Disability-specific groups
 - Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Agency/group newsletters



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Receiving Alerts and Warnings

- Weather radios
- Email alerts
- Text alerts
- Reverse 911 systems
- Smartphone applications
- Television, radio and internet sources



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Receiving Alerts and Warnings

- **What individuals can do**
 - Plan ahead to determine the best options for you
 - Try out different services
 - Have one or more back-up options



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Alerts and Warnings

- **What agencies can do:**
 - Pass along emergency information
 - Educate individuals on available resources
 - Talk to the media about accessibility
 - Provide a sign language interpreter for television broadcasts
 - Make sure reverse 911 systems can send messages to TTYs and by text



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Evacuation



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Evacuation

- What individuals can do:
 - Know your transportation needs
 - Make a plan
 - Take equipment and service animals with you
 - Have backup options
 - Communicate with first responders



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Evacuation

- What emergency managers can do:
 - Plan with public transportation providers
 - Plan with accessible transportation providers
 - Plan to transport equipment and service animals
 - How will individuals request assistance?
 - Registry considerations
 - Updated information



Evacuation

- What disability service agencies can do:
 - Coordinate disability specific resources
 - Disseminate information about evacuations
 - Health and safety checks
 - Work with emergency management



Sheltering



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Sheltering

- What individuals can do:
 - Plan in advance
 - Take DME, AT, and service animals with you
 - Utilize your support network
 - Plan for support services
 - Practice telling shelter workers what your needs are



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Sheltering

- What emergency managers can do:
 - Plan in advance
 - Review shelter sites
 - Communication within the shelter
 - Plan for power needs
 - Plan for dietary needs
 - Quiet space
 - Contracts and agreements for goods and services



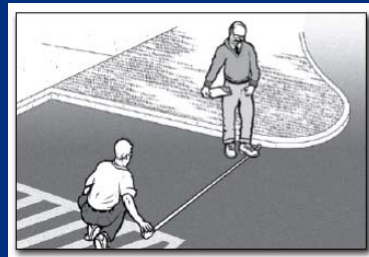
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Sheltering

- What disability service and advocacy agencies can do:
 - Plan with emergency managers
 - Review shelter sites
 - Plan for continuation of services
 - Communication within the shelter



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Disaster Recovery

- Returning to the community
 - Are services available?
 - Is transportation available?
 - Accessible housing
- Long Term Recovery Committees
- Accessible re-building projects



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