

LOCATING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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| 1 | Contact national disability organizations and/or their local affiliates. |
| 2 | Contact your local Center for Independent Living. There are several hundred Centers for Independent Living (CILs) across the country. CILs are community-based resource and advocacy centers managed by and for people with disabilities, promoting independent living and equal access for all persons with physical, mental, cognitive and sensory disabilities. |
| 3 | Contact your state's Committee, Commission, Council, etc., concerning disability. Most state governments have such an entity, often part of the Governor's office or cabinet. |
| 4 | Contact your State Vocational and Rehabilitation Agency. Part of their work is to introduce volunteer and public service opportunities to their clients. |
| 5 | Contact your state's Veterans Administration facilities which serve people with disabilities. |
| 6 | Contact your community's commission or committee for people with disabilities, or local ADA coordinator, which usually can be located through the Mayor's office or county government office. |
| 7 | Contact your local congregations, who may know of specific community members with disabilities. |
| 8 | Ask professionals who serve people with disabilities – such as special education teachers, or occupational, physical or speech therapists – if they can suggest individuals to participate in emergency planning. You might try contacting the National Rehabilitation Association. |