

# Emergency Planning for Special Needs Populations

## More Resources

### PLANNING GUIDES

- **Planning Guide: Community Planning Toolkit for State Emergency Preparedness Managers.** From the Department of Health and Human Services. <http://www.hhs.gov>

**Web link:** [HHS "Community Planning Toolkit for State Emergency Managers"](#)

- **Planning Guide: EPI Guide for Emergency Planners, Managers & Responders.** From Emergency Preparedness Initiative (EPI). EPI is a program of the National Organization on Disability (NOD). <http://www.nod.org>

**Document link:** ["EPI Guide for Emergency Planners, Managers & Responders"](#) Links for Guides are towards bottom of page.

Hard copies for all publications are currently unavailable from EPI.

- **Planning Guide: A Guide to Enhance Risk Communication Among Low-Income Populations.** From Morgan State University School of Community Health and Policy. [http://www.morgan.edu/School\\_of\\_Community\\_Health\\_and\\_Policy.html](http://www.morgan.edu/School_of_Community_Health_and_Policy.html)

**Document link:** ["A Guide to Enhance Risk Communication Among Low-Income Populations"](#)

- **Planning Guide: An ADA Guide for Local Governments: Making Community Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs Accessible to People with Disabilities.** From U.S. Department of Justice. <http://www.ada.gov>

An 11-page illustrated publication that provides guidance on preparing for and carrying out emergency response programs in a manner that results in the services being accessible to people with disabilities.

The U.S. Department of Justice provides free ADA materials. Printed materials may be ordered by calling the [ADA Information Line](#) (1-800-514-0301 (Voice) or 1-800-514-0383 (TDD)). Automated service is available 24-hours a day for recorded information and to order publications.

Publications are available in standard print as well as large print, audiotape, Braille, and computer disk for people with disabilities.

Portions reprinted from U.S. Department of Justice website, <http://www.ada.gov/publicat.htm>

**Document link:** ["An ADA Guide for Local Governments"](#)

- **Planning Guide: ADA Best Practices Tool Kit for State and Local Governments.** From U.S. Department of Justice. <http://www.ada.gov>

**Web Link:** [ADA Best Practices Tool Kit](#)

- **Planning Guide: National Incident Management System (NIMS) Document, P-501 (Catalog Number 08336-1).** From FEMA. <http://www.fema.gov>, [NIMS Resource Center](#)

**Document Link:** [NIMS Document](#)

- **Planning Guide: National Response Framework (NRF) Document, P-682 (Catalog Number 08011-1).** From FEMA. <http://www.fema.gov>

**Document Link:** [NRF Document](#)

- **Planning Guide: National Preparedness Guidelines.** From FEMA. <http://www.fema.gov>

**Document Link:** [NPG Document](#)

- **Planning Guide: Target Capabilities List.** From FEMA. <http://www.fema.gov>

**Document Link:** [TCL Document](#)

**FEMA Documents link:** [FEMA Preparedness Doctrine and Publications](#)

FEMA Publications can also be ordered from:

**FEMA Publications Warehouse**

**Mail:**

FEMA Distribution Center  
PO Box 430  
Buckeystown, MD 21717

**Telephone:** 1 (800) 480-2520

**Fax:** (240) 699-0525

When ordering include: The publication title, item number, quantity, along with your name, address, zip & day time phone.

Portions reprinted from FEMA,  
<http://www.fema.gov/help/publications.shtm>

- **Planning Guide: At-Risk Populations in Emergencies: A Review of State and Local Stories, Tools and Practices.** From the Association of State and Territorial Health Organizations (ASTHO). <http://www.astho.org>

**Document link:** [ASTHO "Emergencies: A Review of State and Local Stories, Tools and Practices"](#) The document and others may be found under the **Background Materials** section.

## **BOOKLETS**

- **Booklet: Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities and other Special Needs.** From American Red Cross. <http://www.redcross.org>

**Document link:** [American Red Cross "Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities and other Special Needs"](#)

- **Booklet: Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities.** From American Red Cross. <http://www.redcross.org>

**Document link:** [American Red Cross "Disaster Preparedness for People with Disabilities"](#)

All ARC brochures/booklets listed here can be printed at your local Red Cross chapter and distributed to you. Also, all "[Be Red Cross Ready](#)" materials are available in large print.

American Red Cross of Montana  
1300 28<sup>th</sup> Street South  
Great Falls, MT 59406  
800-272-6668  
<http://www.montanaredcross.org/>

- **Booklet: It Could Happen To Me: Family Conversations about Disaster Planning.** From The Hartford Financial Services Group. <http://www.thehartford.com>

**Document link:** [The Hartford "It Could Happen to Me"](#)

- **Booklet: The Calm Before the Storm: Family Conversations about Disaster Planning, Caregiving, Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia.** From The Hartford Financial Services Group. <http://www.thehartford.com>

**Document link:** [The Hartford "The Calm Before the Storm"](#)

Documents from The Hartford may be ordered online or by mailing:

The Hartford  
"Document Title"  
200 Executive Boulevard  
Southington, CT 06489

- **Article: IAEM Bulletin Special Focus Issue: Emergency Preparedness for Individuals with Disabilities, Parts 1 & 2.** From the International Association of Emergency Managers. <http://www.iaem.com>

**Document links:** [IAEM "Special Focus Issue: Emergency Preparedness for Individuals with Disabilities" Part I](#) and [Part II](#)

## **BROCHURES**

- **Brochure: Disaster Preparedness and the Deaf Community.** From American Red Cross.  
<http://www.redcross.org>

**Document link:** [American Red Cross "Disaster Preparedness and the Deaf Community"](#)

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- **Brochure: Preparing Makes Sense for People with Disabilities and Special Needs.** From Ready.gov.  
<http://www.ready.gov>

**Document link:** [Ready "Preparing Makes Sense for People with Disabilities and Special Needs"](#)

- **Brochure: Preparing Makes Sense for Older Americans.** From Ready.gov. <http://www.ready.gov>

**Document link:** [Ready "Preparing Makes Sense for Older Americans"](#)

Individuals or organizations who would like to order printed copies of *Ready* publications can do so by calling **1-800-BE-READY**. Multiple copies can also be requested by calling the **FEMA Warehouse** at **1-800-480-2520**. The ordering limit for tri-fold brochures is 250 per order and all other brochures have an ordering limit of 200.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has made files for the *Ready* Campaign's publications available to the public to download at no cost. As a result, organizations

can reproduce these materials and help expand the reach of this critical information. If you wish to place your organization's logo or mailing information on the publication, please download the customizable brochure back cover, available at [Downloading & Ordering All Ready Publications](#)

Portions reprinted from Ready.gov  
<http://www.ready.gov/america/publications/allpubs.html>

- **Brochure: What's the Plan? Ask your Child Care Provider Before a Disaster.** From the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies. <http://www.naccrra.org/>

**Document link:** [NACCRRRA "What's the Plan?"](#)

## **WEBSITES**

- **Promising Practices: Pandemic Preparedness Tools:** <http://www.pandemicpractices.org> A collection of promising practices relating to public health and emergency preparedness.
- **Nobody Left Behind:** <http://www.nobodyleftbehind2.org/> Website of a 3-year research project that focused on understanding the preparedness and response of counties regarding the needs of residents with mobility impairments.
- **Ready Kids:** <http://www.ready.gov/kids/index.html> FEMA's *Ready* website for kids.
- **Listo.gov:** <http://www.listo.gov/> FEMA's *Ready* website and publications in Spanish.
- **Disability.gov:** Emergency Preparedness Page [http://www.disability.gov/emergency\\_preparedness](http://www.disability.gov/emergency_preparedness)
- **Emergency Management Forum:** <http://emforum.org/> Offers professional development opportunities through Internet-based technology.
- **National Resource Center on Advancing Emergency Preparedness for Culturally Diverse Communities:** <http://www.diversitypreparedness.org/>

- **New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, Special Needs Web Page:** <http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/plan/special-needs.html>
- **National Commission on Children and Disasters:** <http://www.childrenanddisasters.acf.hhs.gov/>
- **Accessible Emergency Information:** [www.accessibleemergencyinfo.com](http://www.accessibleemergencyinfo.com) Includes emergency preparedness information and 18 other topics translated into ASL, Braille and large font formats. A radio ad has been developed and can be shared for those interested in promoting the material in local communities. If you would like a copy please e-mail [stephanie.walker@talho.org](mailto:stephanie.walker@talho.org) with your name, organization, and area served. Most radio stations will run the ad as a psa for no charge.  
**Stephanie Walker**  
**Northeast Texas Public Health District**  
**Anderson County PHP Coordinator**  
**Office: 903-729-7780**  
**Fax: 903-729-7786**
- **National Service Inclusion Project's (NSIP) Emergency Preparedness Page:** <http://serviceandinclusion.org/index.php?page=emergency>
- **National Disability Organizations with Local Chapters/Affiliates**
  - American Council of the Blind (ACB) <http://www.acb.org/>
  - American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) <http://www.afb.org/>
  - Amputee Coalition of America (ACA) <http://www.amputee-coalition.org/>
  - The Arc of the United States <http://www.thearc.org/>
  - Arthritis Foundation <http://www.arthritis.org/>
  - Autism Society of America (ASA) <http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer>
  - Brain Injury Association (BIA) <http://www.biausa.org/>
  - Disabled American Veterans (DAV) <http://www.dav.org/default.html>
  - Easter Seals <http://www.easterseals.com/site/PageServer>
  - Epilepsy Foundation <http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/>

- Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA) <http://www.ldanatl.org/>
  - Hearing Loss Association of America <http://www.hearingloss.org/>
  - Mental Health America <http://www.nmha.org/>
  - Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) <http://www.mda.org/>
  - National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) <http://www.nami.org/>
  - National Association of the Deaf (NAD) <http://www.nad.org/site/pp.asp?c=foINKQMBF&b=91587>
  - National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems (NAPAS) <http://www.napas.org/>
  - National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) <http://www.ncil.org>
  - National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS) <http://www.ndss.org/>
  - National Federation of the Blind (NFB) <http://www.nfb.org/nfb/Default.asp>
  - National Multiple Sclerosis Society <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/>
  - National Rehabilitation Association <http://www.nationalrehab.org/>
  - National Spinal Cord Injury Association (NSCIA) <http://www.spinalcord.org/>
  - Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) <http://www.pva.org/site/PageServer>
  - Spina Bifida Association of America [http://www.sbaa.org/site/c.gpILKXOEJqG/b.2016945/k.2321/Spina\\_Bifida\\_Association\\_Web\\_site.htm](http://www.sbaa.org/site/c.gpILKXOEJqG/b.2016945/k.2321/Spina_Bifida_Association_Web_site.htm)
  - UCP (United Cerebral Palsy) <http://www.ucp.org/main.cfm/1>
- **Disability Resources Web Sites**
    - Cornucopia of Disability Information (CODI) <http://codi.buffalo.edu/>
    - DRM Guide to Disability Resources on the Internet <http://www.disabilityresources.org/>
    - Family Village <http://www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/index.html>
    - LD Online <http://www.ldonline.org/>
    - Quality Mall <http://www.qualitymall.org/main/>