

People with Disabilities and Other Special Populations

Emergency Planning, Preparedness, Mitigation, Recovery

The phrase “special needs population” is widely used within disaster services and the emergency management field, but the definition of what it means, however, is sometimes ambiguous. According to federal guidelines, “special needs populations” generally include multiple, extremely broad groups of people who tend to be especially vulnerable in emergency situations, when barriers they experience in everyday life can have an even greater impact on their ability to participate and respond. Although people with disabilities make up the largest category, the phrase also includes people with mental illness, non-english speaking residents, families with infants, people who are elderly, pet owners, prisoners, people who are homeless, women who are pregnant, people with addictions, etc.”

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March 1, 2011 Jefferson County, WV
10:00 am – 2:30 pm*

WVU’s Kearneysville Tree Fruit Research & Education Center
67 Apple Harvest Lane, Kearneysville, WV 25430

For directions go to: www.caf.wvu.edu/kearneysville/kvmap.html

** Lunch is included and registration open 30 minutes prior to the opening session*

DUE TO THE ADDITION OF THIS SESSION THAT WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED, THE FOLLOWING CEU’S ARE PENDING APPROVAL

Social Work, Licensed Professional Counselor, and Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC credits available for WVDRS employees only)

Interested In Becoming A Trainer? Ask For Details!

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Who Should Attend?

- People with Disabilities
- Senior Citizens
- Service Providers
- Personal Attendants
- Community Members
- Emergency Planners
- Volunteers

TRAINING AGENDA

Registration begins 30 minutes prior to the opening session at each location
Lunch and breaks are included in each training with times varying by location/start time

Module One

Working with Special Needs Populations During A Disaster: What Does That Mean & Are You Ready? 1.5 hours

While you don't have to know everything there is to know about every special needs category, it is very important to consider what impacts they may or may not have on your business or organization in regard to providing services to the community. ¹Service providers must be well prepared to respond to and recover from disasters, to ensure that the special needs populations are served and protected. As a primary direct link to persons with special needs, service providers play a vital role in emergency planning and must be included in all phases of emergency planning – preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery. Service providers must understand the reality of self-sustaining for the first few days to weeks after a major disaster. Traditional emergency service providers will be overwhelmed, special need client needs will increase beyond the normal service providers range of services. As the recovery phase progresses, so will client needs and their normal reliance on the service provider will greatly increase.

Module Two

Writing My Agency or Organization's Emergency Plan: Where Do I Start? .5 hour

Disasters are unplanned events that can cause significant injury, or even death, to employees, customers, or the public, disrupt or close down operations, cause physical or environmental damage, or harm the organization's public image. In our area, nonprofits, faith-based, and other community-based organizations have a special responsibility to prepare and serve the community to the best of their ability, after disaster. A key part of that responsibility is developing a continuity of operations (COOP) plan that will allow the agency to prepare and resume service after a disaster or emergency situation. These plans should develop procedures for alerting, notifying, activating and deploying employees; identify mission essential functions; establish an alternate facility; and roster personnel with authority and knowledge of functions. This session component will outline a do-able approach to developing this plan, and provide you with templates to accomplish this task easily and thoroughly.

Module Three

I Have A Disability...How Do I Get Prepared and Stay Prepared For An Emergency? 45 minutes

For people who have daily functional limitations, an emergency can quickly become overwhelming. ¹Some people with disabilities are especially susceptible to emergency situations, as they are limited in receiving, understanding, or following directions of traditional types of information and emergency alerts. Additionally, those with developmental, emotional, or cognitive disabilities may be able to receive the message but unable to understand the meaning or are incapable of performing protective actions. Understanding the importance of one's personal preparedness and how obtain guidance will be addressed. This module will assist those with disabilities or other functional limitations through ability-specific self-assessments to assist in planning, directives on how to develop an appropriate personal support network, as well as identification of what special accommodations one may need in an emergency.

Module Four

Engaging People With Disabilities in Emergency Planning & Volunteer Service 45 minutes

Individuals with disabilities are frequently overlooked as providers of volunteer service, and many times are not encouraged or given the opportunity to serve. We believe that everyone has the potential to fill valuable and appropriate roles and contribute strength and resources to their community.....not only in everyday life, but in the planning, preparedness, response, and recovery stages of a disaster, as well. The best way to ensure that community preparedness plans are relevant for people with disabilities and their families is to involve them before the disaster hits.

¹Identified as a critical issue in the July 2007 Special Needs Committee of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) briefing

PLEASE COMPLETE ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FORM AND RETURN TO THE APPROPRIATE LOCATION
Additional information and registration forms can be downloaded www.arcwd.org

**Emergency Planning for People with Disabilities & Other Special Populations
REGISTRATION FORM**

I am registering for the following training date/location (select one):

- March 1, 2011 (registration deadline – February 24)
67 Apple Harvest Lane, Kearneysville, WV 25430
For directions go to: www.caf.wvu.edu/kearneysville/kvmap.html

Name (as it will appear on name badge): _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Title (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Please select all that apply:

- I am a person with a disability or other functional limitation
 I am a relative, friend, or personal attendant
 I am an employee of a service provider agency
 I am an emergency planner / volunteer / first responder
 Other _____

Please provide the following special accommodations

- Training Materials (please circle one): Large Print Braille CD
 Dietary Restrictions: _____
 Other _____

I need the following CEU's (select one): (APPROVAL TENTATIVE)

- Social Worker Licensed Professional Counselor Certified Rehab Counselor*
(* available to WVDRS employees only)

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Submit registration in one of the following ways:

Fax To: The Arc of the Mid Ohio Valley – 304-865-2072
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