

Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning (CIEP)

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(WASILC)

History

A statewide disability advisory group that provides technical advice on inclusive emergency planning.

Creating partnerships that work for a more effective quality planning, response, and recovery.

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Inclusive Planning

3 Pillars of Accessibility:

- Effective Communication Access
- Physical Access
- Programmatic Access

Using the Whole Community Approach

Access and Functional Needs:

- Communication
- Medical
- Independence
- Security
- Transportation

Why Inclusion of People with Disabilities

Planning for and not with people with disabilities reflects an old paradigm “a lot about us without us.”

Today it is

“Nothing about us without us!”

Why Inclusion of People with Disabilities

- Knowledge of services, resources and supports (difference between service and advocacy)
- It is important to include people with disabilities as contributors and collaborators
- Qualified advisors who understand and can think through issues from disability, access, functional needs and universal design perspectives.

Statistics on Americans with Disabilities

- US Census: 57M people living with a disability in 2010
<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/miscellaneous/cb12-134.html>
- About 20% of Americans, 48 million, report some degree of hearing disability.
http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/news/media/releases/one_in_five_americans_has_hearing_loss
- More than one million Americans are legally blind and 12 million have low vision.
<https://www.cdc.gov/healthcommunication/toolstemplates/entertainmented/tips/Blindness.html>
- About 1 in 68 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/data.html>
- Approximately 61.6 million individuals, foreign and U.S. born, spoke a language other than English at home ... 41% (25.1 million) were considered Limited English Proficient (LEP). <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/limited-english-proficient-population-united-states>

Qualified People with Disabilities

- Identify as a person with a disability & experience with disability advocacy
- Can speak broadly on disability issues
- Are knowledgeable about a variety of physical, communication and program access issues
- Are connected to and actively involved with segments of national, state or local constituencies of disability communities
- Able to facilitate two-way communication with the segments of the disability communities they represent.

Disability Advisory Groups



CIEP Disability Partners in Washington

- American Red Cross
- Disability Rights Washington
- Northwest ADA Center
- NAMI Washington (National Alliance for Mental Illness)
- Washington Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning
- Washington Centers for Independent Living
- Washington Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Washington Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Washington State Assistive Tech – Reuse programs
- Washington State Services for the Blind
- and more...

State Disaster Disability Integration Manager Role

- Immediate disability resource identification, contact and advice
- Shelter accessibility collaboration
- Is able to offer technical assistance to but not limited to, emergency management for their EOP for review/development for inclusion
- Reaches into short-term recovery and long-term community recovery efforts



Disability Policy Timeline

1990 - **ADA** passed – Title II requires **equal access to all** local and state government services including direct access to emergency services

1998 – Congress amends Section 508 of the **Rehab Act** of 1973 to require Federal agencies to make their **electronic and information technology (EIT) accessible** to people with disabilities.

2000 - FCC requires all broadcasters to make TV emergency bulletins accessible **visually** and aurally

2004 - **Executive Order 13347** ...**strengthen** emergency preparedness with respect to individuals with disabilities... President G. W. Bush 7/22/2004

2006 - **Executive Order 13407** ...include in [IPAWS] the **capability to alert and warn all Americans**, including those with disabilities and those without an understanding of the English language... President G. W. Bush 6/26/2006

2010 - **Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA)** requires advanced telecom equipment to be accessible. Emergency Access Subcommittee recommends Text-to-911 as an interim measure to restore direct access to 911.

Photo: Houston Astrodome after Hurricane Katrina © 2005 FEMA

Key Components

- Integration - Emergency programs, services, and activities typically must be provided in an integrated setting.
- Program Modifications - modifications to rules, policies, practices, and procedures necessary to provide people with disabilities equal access to emergency programs and services.
- No Charge - People with disabilities cannot be charged for modifications or accommodations

Steady State

- Agency Preparedness
- Individual Preparedness
- Inclusive Emergency Planning

Coalition Operation in a Disaster & Recovery

- First Phase: Relationships
- Second Phase: Exchange Primary/Secondary Information
- Third Phase: Operational organization: Roles and responsibilities in:
 - response
 - recovery
 - long term recovery

Operation in a Disaster & Recovery: Identifying Resources

- People
- Funding
- ADA legal expertise
- Accessibility expertise
- Connect Dots – Reach higher
- Knowledge of Durable Medical Equipment
- Knowledge of Assistive Tech
- Telecommunication Relay Service Information
- Disability Cultural Awareness
- Technical Assistance on services and programs for people with disabilities
- Information & Referral

Individual Preparedness

- Preparedness planning needs to be very specific and individualized
- Identify abilities
- Identify areas where further planning needs to occur
 - What would this look like in an emergency?
 - What resources are needed?

Individual Preparedness Resources

Individual Planning:

<https://www.ready.gov/individuals-access-functional-needs>

Earthquake:

http://www.shakeout.org/centralus/downloads/ShakeOut_mobility_impairments.pdf

<http://www.shakeout.org/centralus/register/>

Partners and Local Resources:

Alliance of People with disAbilities: <http://disabilitypride.org/wordpress/>

Center for Independence: <http://www.centerforindependence.org/>

Central WA Disability Rights: <http://mycwdr.org/home.html>

Spokane Center for Independent Living: <http://scilwa.org/>

Disability Action Center NW: <http://dacnw.org/>

Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center www.hsdcc.org

Best Practices



- **Before an emergency**

- Recruit & engage local subject matter experts with disabilities in CERT training, planning, development, etc.
- Require or encourage local businesses that have public TV sets to display captioning during business hours.
- Upgrade technology to take advantage of new and emerging accessibility features.

- **During or after an emergency**

- Remember to consider readability and comprehension when composing text and graphics
- Frame qualified deaf interpreters with officials in the video during televised press conferences
- Provide honest feedback to providers and offer solutions if possible

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