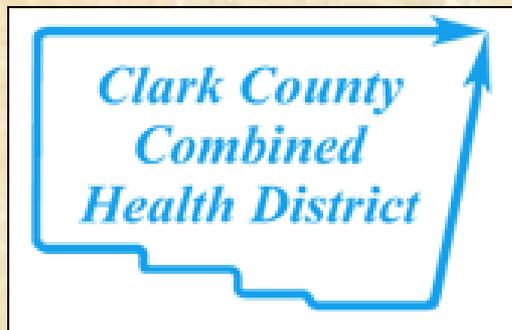


*How Clark County, Ohio built
our Functional Needs Committee
and Communication Network*



Starts with Core Partners, Oct 2011

- Clark County Emergency Management
- Clark County Combined Health District
- Clark & Champaign County American Red Cross



Goals

- Integrate Functional Needs into all of our plans (which is ongoing)
- Be able to better address Functional Needs individuals in the Emergency Shelter Environment
- Create a Functional Needs Communication Network

Initial Steps We Took

- Developed questionnaire
- Met with various local Functional Needs groups:
 - National Federation of the Blind (NFB)
 - Community Services for the Deaf (CSD)
 - Developmental Disabilities
 - United Senior Services
 - Mental Health Services

Further Development

- Built relationship
 - They were excited that we thought of them...
- Then started building committee
 - Caught on quickly and expanded rapidly
 - We continue to expand today
- Attend one of their meetings once a year

Attend Meetings / Functions



CSD Picnic



NFB distributing 72 hour kits paid for by Springfield Foundation grant

Clark FN Committee Meetings

- Approximately 25 agencies / organizations involved, some with multiple representatives



DISABILITY TRAINING VIDEO FOR EMERGENCY PLANNERS

Why is disability important to emergency planning?



- Nearly 20% of the U.S. population reports having a disability
- People With Disabilities are especially vulnerable during and after emergencies
- PWD suffer worse health outcomes than the general population when disasters strikes
- PWD also have many functional needs that are not taken into account in preparedness plans

What is the Ohio Disability and Health Program offering?

The Ohio Disability and Health Program (ODHP) is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funded program that aims to improve the health and well-being of PWD in Ohio. As part of their emergency preparedness initiative, ODHP has developed a disability training video for emergency planners.



ODHP's Disability Training Video

Description: Free 1-hour training for emergency planners to address the functional needs of PWD during emergencies.

Purpose: To provide emergency planners with information and best practices that will ensure the safety of people with disabilities during emergency events.

Learning objectives:

1. Highlight portions of a Federal law called the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 that are relevant for emergency planners.
2. Provide emergency planners with information and methods that will help to ensure effective and appropriate communication and notification in reaching people with disabilities during emergencies.
3. Identify groups of people who may need special consideration with regard to transportation and evacuation.
4. Provide emergency planners with information and methods that will ensure independence for people with disabilities in emergency shelters.
5. Provide emergency planners with guidance on making the emergency planning process inclusive to individuals with disabilities as well as disability organizations.

Availability: Summer 2014; Check <http://go.osu.edu/emergencyplanners> for updates on the release of this training.

For supporting references, please review the public health needs assessment report at <http://nisonger.osu.edu/odhp>. For more information, please contact:
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Health Promotion

Access to Care

Emergency Preparedness

Full Scale Shelter Exercise, Aug 2012



Used individuals with real Functional Needs, not actors



Wheelchair Bound & Medical Device Users



Non-English, Deaf, Blind



Used interpreters
– ASL & Spanish

Everyone learned a lot!



Blind, including their
service animals

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PERSONAL SAFETY

I am _____
 My meds _____

 Important things I use _____



My kit is located _____



SAFE AT HOME



911

County _____

(AREA CODE) PHONE NUMBER

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Radio station _____
 TV station _____



My neighbor _____

NAME _____
(AREA CODE) PHONE NUMBER



Friend/family _____

NAME _____
(AREA CODE) PHONE NUMBER

PEOPLE WHO CARE

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FEELING SAFE, BEING SAFE

My Personal Safety in an EMERGENCY



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