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Making Connections with Ohio's Aging Network

2014 Ohio Functional Needs Summit
May 29, 2014

Ready or Not It's Going to Happen

- Blizzards, Flooding, Tornados, Ice Storms, High Winds, Water Emergencies, Propane Shortages
- Recent Widespread Events
  - Hurricane Ike (September/2008)
  - Derecho and Heat Wave (July/2012)
    - 941 additional PARs (same period)
  - Hurricane Sandy (November/2012)
    - 200 additional PARs (same period, NE Ohio)
- Response
  - Local, State, Federal

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- Older Americans Act designates ODA as a State Unit on Aging, with this comes responsibilities during a federally declared disaster for ODA and Aging Network:
  - Contingency Planning
  - Information
  - Awareness
  - Support
  - Coordination
  - Monitor
- State/Local Support
  - SEOC Coverage – ESF 6 (Mass Care) and ESF 8 (Health)
  - SafeOhio Situational Assessment Teams (SAT)
  - Housing and Health/Human Services Recovery Plans

Area Agencies on Aging

- Ohio's twelve Area Agencies on Aging respond to the needs of the elderly in the communities they serve.
- Develop & Test Contingency/Disaster Plans
- Help address unmet needs, gap filling
- Coordinate with and support local aging service providers (e.g., councils on aging, senior centers, nutrition providers, transportation providers, chore providers).

Area Agencies on Aging

- Case managers work with consumers to develop back-up plans, primary care provider is unavailable (non-emergency) and what they would specifically do in the event of an emergency.
- Facilitate the Pre-Admission Review process for disaster survivors that need to be temporarily relocated to long-term care facilities (e.g., nursing homes).

Area Agencies on Aging

- Maintain a presence at the emergency operations centers and/or disaster recovery centers, either in-person or by providing contact numbers and resource materials.
- Help older disaster survivors establish eligibility and complete applications for disaster relief services and disaster assistance programs.

Office of the State LTC Ombudsman

- Ohio's Office of the State Long-term Care Ombudsman advocates for people receiving home care, assisted living and nursing home care
- Twelve Regional Long-term Care Ombudsman Programs
- Ombudsman focuses on contact with providers who don't typically use generators for back-up power
- Communicates with ODH and ODMH regarding regulated providers
- Contacts HOME Choice consumers who may be vulnerable

Area Agencies on Aging

1-866-243-5678

http://aging.ohio.gov/resources/areaagencies onaging/

Regional Long-term Care Ombudsman

1-800-282-1206

http://aging.ohio.gov/services/ombudsman /regional.aspx

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Resources

- Ohio Long-term Care Consumer Guide
  http://ltcohio.org/
- Ohio Housing Locator
  http://www.ohiohousinglocator.org/
- Check on Your Neighbor Campaigns
  http://aging.ohio.gov/information/emergencypreparedness/
  http://www.ema.ohio.gov/Documents/Releases/2012/20121031_SevereWeatherChecks%20ODA.pdf
  Ohio Benefit Bank (late 2014)
- Annual State Long-term Care Survey
  - Disaster/Emergency Focused Questions

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One AAA's Experience

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It's all about relationships!

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- In times of:
  - Mitigation
  - Preparation
  - Responsiveness
  - Recovery

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