History

- 1970s Identified lack of equal & inclusive services
- 2007 California Department of Social Services began developing FAST:
  - concept, 
  - plans, &
  - training course eventually approved by FEMA
Vision

- Working smarter
- Building partnerships with
  - CBOs (community based organizations)
  - Cities
  - Counties
  - States &
  - American Red Cross
Vision

- Blend competencies & skill sets of governments with community disability services,
- Provide assistance to people with often complex and urgent disability needs,

• Competencies:
  – Nimble, flexible, scalable response
  – Deal with complexities of what it takes maintain health & safety & survive emergencies.
Vision

• Working knowledge of cross-disability access issues:
  – hearing, vision, mobility, speech, memory, learning, understanding

• Applying core IL values:
  – Honoring dignity of risk, choice & self-determination
Vision

• Identifying, remedying & retooling interventions that reflect old, stigmatizing biases, stereotypes & beliefs:
  – Indiscriminate & widespread applying of medical model
Future: FAST 2.0

- Sustaining the effort
- Current models - heavy lift for some jurisdictions struggling with lean budgets
- Broaden focus
- A strengthened & expanded whole community model
- Training & evaluation
Future: FAST 2.0

• Ownership - some teams seem to be “for & about” rather than with, of, & by people with disabilities,

• Labor & budget costly to sustain and replenish teams

• Broader focus
Future: FAST 2.0

• Whole community model strengthened & expanded
• Convening & activation of strong existing & new network connections
• Collaboration & cooperation exemplifying of, by & with people with disabilities
Future: FAST 2.0

• Roles
  – filling gaps via mobilizing & optimizing resources
  – supporting disability community organizations & individuals in assuming leadership
  – preventing duplication of services
  – situational awareness & deconflicting reports
Future: FAST 2.0

• Roles
  – Identifying civil rights violations & providing or pursuing immediate solutions to fix these situations
  – Preventing & diverting inappropriate admissions to medical facilities & institutionalization
Future: FAST 2.0

- Roles
  - Applying in depth knowledge & experience with service & resource delivery systems
  - Just in Time training & technical assistance on understanding how federal emergency response, recovery, mitigation & benefit programs work
Future: FAST 2.0

- Community organizations engagement
- Update evaluation methods
  - effectiveness of delivery, performance, impact and outcomes
- Training
  - focus on just-in-time training
Resources

Search for:
- Kailes Most Requested
- Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies
- Portlight Inclusive Disaster Strategies