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**Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, or
Nobody?**

**Colorado's Development of a Statewide
Access & Functional Needs Program**

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“There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.” - unknown author

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When have you learned something about community needs from another emergency support function or partner?



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Access & Functional Needs

- **C**ommunication
- **M**aintain Health
- **I**ndependence
- **S**afety, Support Services, Self-Determination
- **T**ransportation

Discussion

- How are your response services reliant on community functioning in these areas?
- How do you support community functioning in these areas?

[HHS Access & Functional Needs Web-Based Training](#)



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Colorado's Access & Functional Needs Program



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History



Summary of Findings

Waldo Canyon Fire Forum for People with Disabilities
Colorado Springs, CO August 30, 2012

10/24/2012

Public Forum Co-Hosted By:



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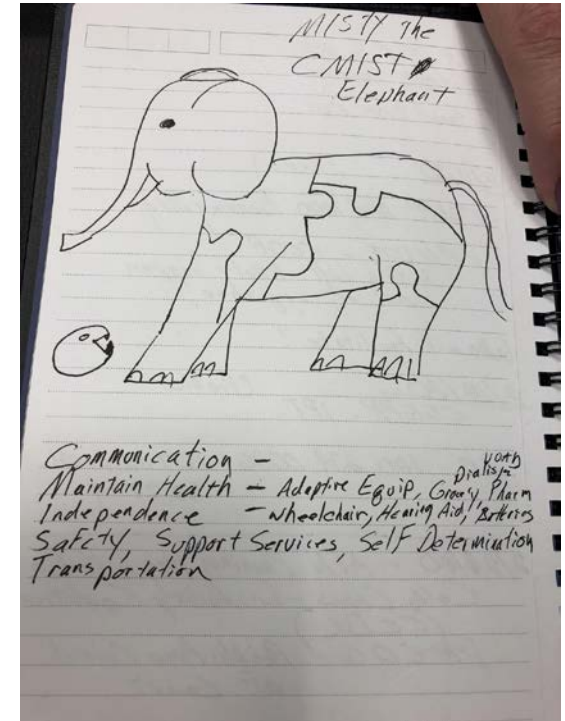
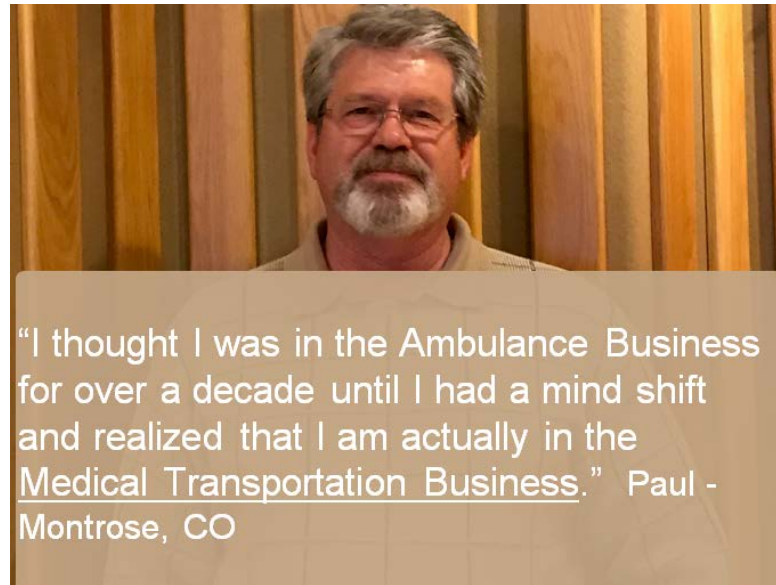
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2019 Taking a Snapshot and Developing Shared Language

- Regional Access & Functional Needs Workshops
- Colorado's Getting It Right Conferences



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2020 – Building Capa...COVID-19

- Continued Shared Language Building
- Regional Access & Functional Needs Subcommittees
- Training about Access & Functional Needs in EOC
- Response Training: CMIST Response Teams Training Curriculum with areas of concentration:
 - On-Site Environmental Accessibility Assessments
 - Functional Needs Assessments
 - Information and Technical Assistance Support
 - Community Outreach
 - Emergency Response Interpreter (Languages)
 - Future Consideration: Media Communications Response Teams



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Fixing the Fault Lines: Challenges and Accomplishments



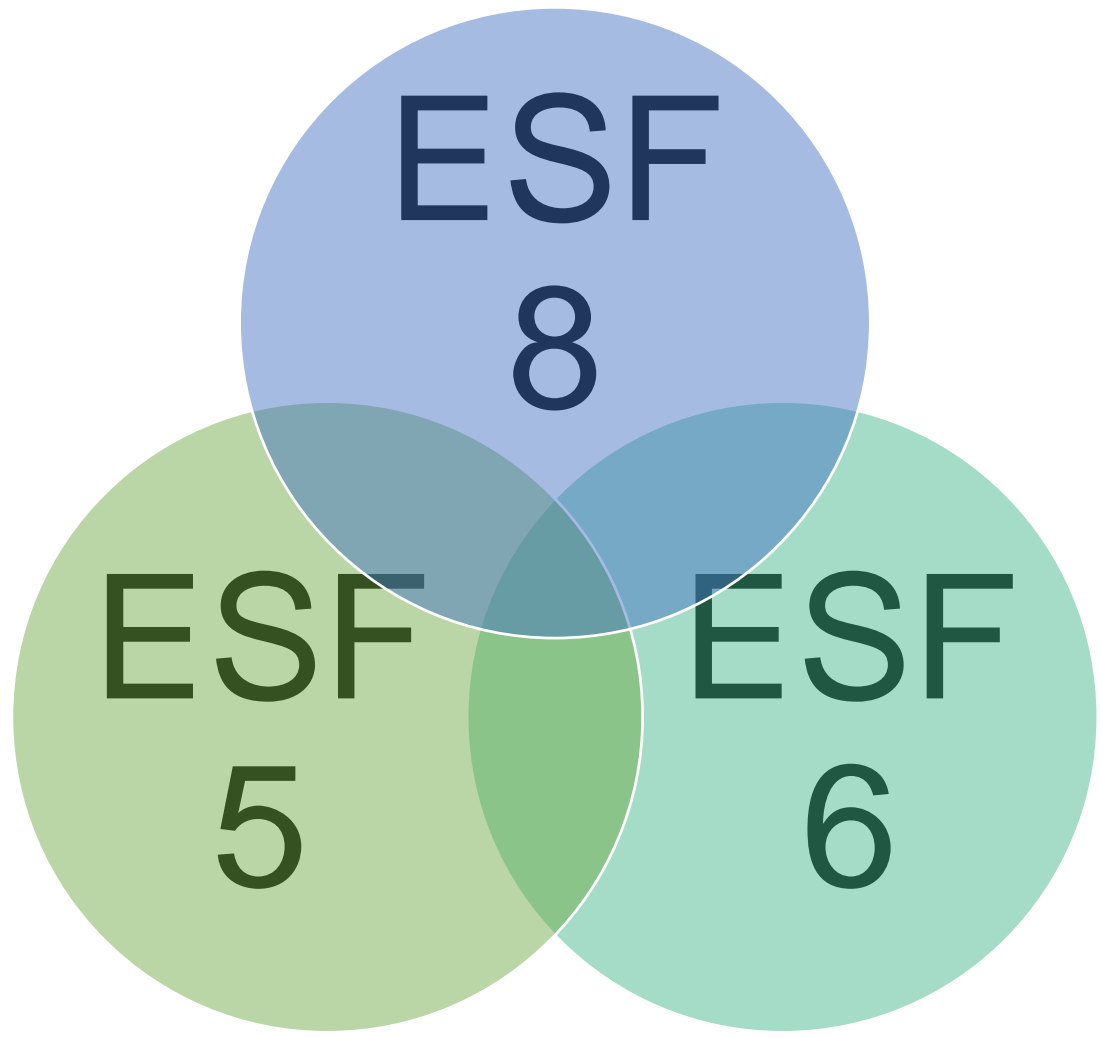
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COVID-19: “Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth”





Challenges

- Capacity
- Funding
 - Grant-driven activities
- Colorado's Department Structure
- Authority differences



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Accomplishments



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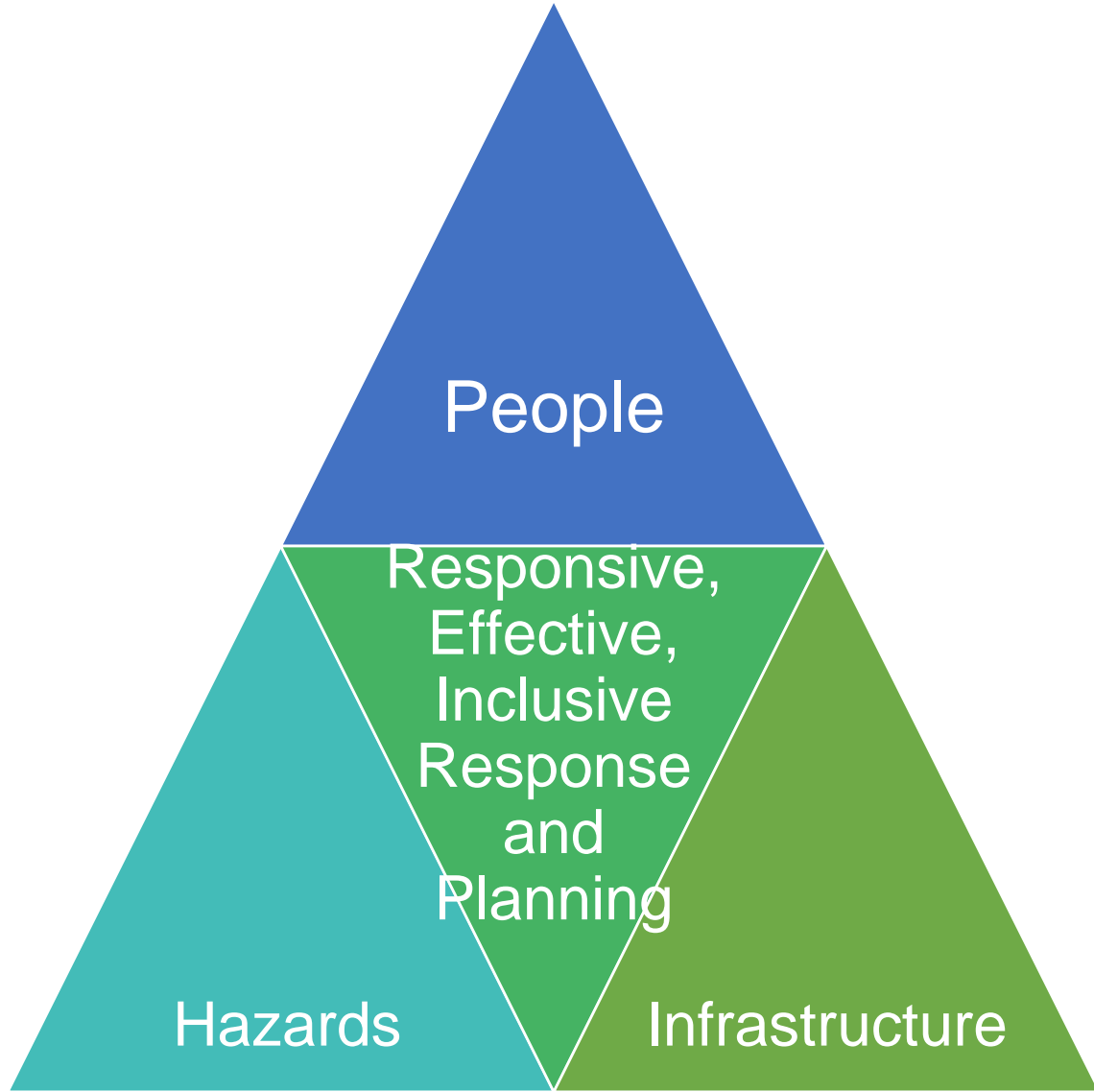
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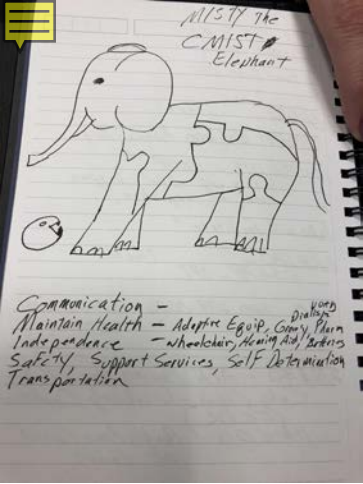


Access & Functional Needs demand a whole community approach – everybody trained, anybody can speak up, and somebody focused

- Community-centered and system-flexible – CMIST framework as a “Watch out” structure
- Integrating non-traditional partners
 - Government leaders
 - Social service non-profits
 - Cultural navigators
- Everyone is a responder, but not everyone is resourced like one







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