


Georgia Emergency Preparedness Coalition
for Individuals with Disabilities & Older Adults
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Planning with and for Individuals with Disabilities
FEMA Webinar Series
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Objectives

- Attendees will gain an understanding of the Georgia Emergency Preparedness Coalition for Individuals with Disabilities and Older Adults
- Attendees will be able to describe the Coalition's network
- Attendees will be able to list the preparedness resources developed by the Coalition
- Attendees will gain an understanding of the Functional and Access Need Toolkit


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Georgia



Disability in Georgia

- 9.8 million individuals reside in Georgia
- 12.4% (1.2 million) of these individuals have one or more disabilities.*
- 1 million older adults live in Georgia


**Source: 2013 American Community Survey (ACS)*



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Coalition's Mission


- To serve as a clearinghouse
- To promote and maintain an active dialogue, and
- To provide subject matter expertise to:
 - Individuals with Disabilities and Older Adults
 - Emergency Managers



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Coalition Overview

- Formed in 2006
- Coordinated through State ADA Coordinator's Office
- Partners state, local, volunteer and non-governmental organizations
- Primary Audiences Include:
 - Disability Service Providers, Local Emergency Management Agencies, Local First Responders, Individuals with Functional and Access Needs, People with Disabilities and Older adults
- Provide technical guidance and assistance for local partners
- Identify and implement best practices




Coalition Member Agencies & Organizations

- All Hands On, Inc.
- American Red Cross
- Atlanta Autism Consortium
- Center for Advanced Communications Policy-Georgia Institute of Technology
- DeKalb Emergency Management Agency
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Friends of Disabled Adults and Children
- GACHI- Serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Georgia Advocacy Office
- Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging Services
- Georgia Department of Human Services, Office of Facilities and Support Services
- Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
- Georgia Department of Public Health, Office of Health Protection, Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Georgia Emergency Management Agency
- Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission-State ADA Coordinator's Office
- Gwinnett, Newton, Rockdale County Health Departments
- Project Independence: Georgia's Vision Program for Seniors
- Southeast ADA Center
- Tools For Life-The Alternative Media Access Network, Georgia Institute of Technology Enterprise Innovation Institute




ADA Guiding Principles

1. Inclusion
2. Integration
3. Equal Access
4. Self-Determination
5. Physical Access
6. Reasonable Modifications to Policies, Practices, and Procedures
7. Effective Communication




Working Subcommittees

- Training & Technical Guidance Committee:
 - Responsible for creating training/educational curriculum and materials.
- Community Outreach Committee:
 - Responsible for sharing and disseminating information within the Coalition and to individuals with disabilities and community network organizations/agencies.
- F.A.S.T. Committee:
 - Responsible for the development of a Functional Assessment Service Team.
- FNSS Committee:
 - Responsible for developing a statewide guide on Functional Needs Support Services resources within Georgia.



Coalition Developed Resources

Tips Guide for First Responders



Tips
for First Responders:

- General Tips for Awareness
- Older Adults
- Individuals with Service Animals
- Individuals who use Mobility Devices
- Individuals who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Individuals Who Are Blind or Have Vision Loss
- Individuals with Speech or Language Conditions
- Individuals with Mental Health Conditions
- Individuals with Cognitive Disabilities
- Individuals with Autism
- Individuals with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities
- Individuals who Are Deaf-Blind

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Coalition Developed Resources

Emergency Preparedness Brochure for Individuals with Access and Functional Needs

Emergency Preparedness
Planning for Individuals With Access and Functional Needs

Ready, Georgia

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Other Coalition Accomplishments

- Community Network
- Participation in local and State Drills
- Be Prepared Radio Broadcast
- Durable Medical Equipment Cache
- Get Ready Tool Kit and Train the Trainer Workshops
- Special Needs NOAA Weather Radio Factsheet
- Communications Chart


How NOAA Weather Radio Works

Prepare for Emergencies

How Does NOAA Weather Radio Meet the Alerting Needs of the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing?

Emergency Preparedness for Individuals with Disabilities and Older Adults

Get-Ready Tool Kit: Train-the-Trainer Workshop
 January 10, 2013
 Flower Branch, GA




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Georgia's Functional & Access Needs

General assumptions:

- Most persons with functional needs can function perfectly well in a general population shelter with proper support.
- With the proper supports, individuals with access and functional needs benefit equally from the services provided in general population shelters, and should almost always be housed in those shelters.




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Functional Needs Population

Persons who may have additional needs *before, during and after* an incident in functional areas such as :

- communication
- medical care
- independence
- supervision
- transportation




Functional and Access Needs Support Services Toolkit

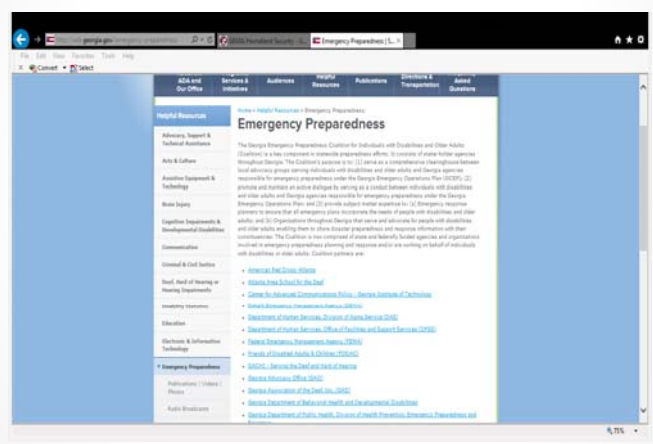
Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) are defined as services that enable individuals to maintain their independence in a general population shelter. FNSS includes:

- reasonable modification to policies, practices, and procedures
- durable medical equipment (DME)
- consumable medical supplies (CMS)
- personal assistance services (PAS)
- other goods and services as needed

Guidance on Planning for Integration of Functional Needs Support Services in General Population Shelters

State ADA Coordinator's Office




For More Information on the Coalition go to: <http://ada.georgia.gov>


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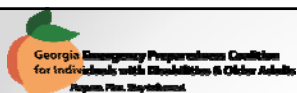
Statewide Planning Activities & Resources

- Shelter training to increase capacity
 - FNSS concepts added to ARC training
- Proposal to develop
 - Functional Assessment Service Teams to assist with assessment & providing resources
- Inclusion of organizations & individuals with disabilities in planning and participation:
 - Shelter training, drills & exercises



Summary - Recap

- Georgia Coalition for EP for Individuals with Disabilities and Older Adults – Partnerships
- Communication
- Preparedness Resources
- FNSS Toolkit
- Whole Community Inclusion



Questions?

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