

Project: Emergency Planning for Individuals with DD
Applicant: NJ Institute no Disability (formerly CP-Middlesex)

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Abstract: In preparing individually and as communities for natural and other disasters, it is important to incorporate readiness training for people with developmental disabilities. The NJ Office of Emergency Management informs its partners, "People with disabilities and special needs often need additional time and assistance to prepare for a disaster."

As of March, 2009, NJCDD staff had trained over 300 individuals with developmental disabilities. The Council is looking to pilot a project whereby it can "train-the-trainer" and monitor delivery of workshops by a private provider. The pilot would serve as a model and laboratory for eventual transference of this activity to one or more private agencies so as to achieve statewide coverage by October 1, 2011.

Deliverables

To pilot the roll out of a training curriculum and process whereby individuals with developmental disabilities living in supported or congregate housing in the community can receive on-going training in personal emergency preparation.

600 individuals with DD trained in emergency preparation and follow up with each to ensure completion of home-based tasks.