

"No Person Left Behind"



A Hurricane/Disaster Plan for People with Disabilities Prepared by the ADA Advisory Board of Southwest Florida

Mission Statement:

The mission of this initiative is to ensure that all persons with disabilities are accounted for and have an emergency action plan in place in the event of a hurricane or disaster.

Goal

The goal of this project is to ensure the health and safety of all persons with disabilities in the State of Florida in the event of a disaster. To this end, we seek endorsement and funding from the Florida legislature to establish a Commission or Task Force to gather and organize information on residents with disabilities in a consistent manner state-wide.

4 Overall Goals

- 100% accountability of all persons with disabilities
- Identify basic needs for these individuals
- Educate Persons with Disabilities and families on disaster preparedness
- Empower Persons with Disabilities to take control of their disaster planning



- Identify persons with disabilities residing in Regions
 - Use all agencies, both private and public to gather information on group to be served
- Voluntary registration and emergency action plan for each individual person with a disability
- State-wide database established by input from each region with all pertinent information about the regional residents with disabilities.
- Establish access points for disbursement of information in event of a disaster with that region and state.

Organizational Status

- Obtain
 - Non-Profit Status 501 (3) C status or,
 - State Committee Status or,
 - Task Force Status
 - Coordinating Council Status.

Scope -

- The initial Project started in 2004 involved all of Southwest Florida and was open to any other county within the State of Florida who will wish to join in this endeavor. The ultimate Goal is to have all of 67 counties involved and all persons with disabilities accounted in the State of Florida for if we receive and catastrophic hurricane or disaster within the State.
 - Lee County
 - Charlotte
 - Collier
 - Hendry
 - Glades

State Wide Registration System

Each and every Agency, Organization or Group that works or deals with the persons with disabilities who live within the State of Florida will be highly encouraged to have there clients voluntary Register for this State Wide program "No Person Left Behind" and so that they are not left uninformed as to what to do, and how to do it in case they are confronted with a Hurricane or Disaster within the State of Florida.

Organizational Structure

1 State Wide Office

- 7 Regional Offices
 - 1 Office per County in Florida = 67

State Wide Office

Personnel Structure

- 1 Organization or State Wide Executive Director
- 1 Assistant Organization or State Wide Executive Director
- 1 Organization Secretary
- 1 Organization Accountant
- 1 Organization Public Relation/Media Specialist
- 1 Organization Information Technical Manager
- 7 Organization Information Data Specialist Staff



Regional

- 1 Regional Director for each region – 7 each
- 1 RegionalSecretary 7 each
- 2 Regional Information Data Specialist Staff

County

- 1 County Director for each county – 67 each
- 1 County Secretary for each county – 67 each
- 2 Organization
 Information Data
 Specialist Staff

Positions

- Salaried
 - To be Determined
- Volunteer
 - To be Determined
- At least 51% of all salaried positions will be staffed by persons with disabilities with a goal of 90%.

Staff Motto

Persons with Disabilities helping
 Persons with Disabilities

Hours of Operation – State – Regions – Counties

- Non Emergency
 - 8 am 5 pm
 - Monday thru Friday
 - All Federal Holidays on Emergency Standby notification.
 - Weekends on Standby by use of an Emergency Call Roster.



Emergency

 24 hour status so that all information request can be responded to immediately.

Scope of Task - County

- Promote the Organization Mission "No Person Left Behind" during and Hurricane or Disaster and that they will be accounted for within their county.
- Works with all organizations, agencies and departments within there county that deal with "Persons with Disabilities" so that the mission of the organization is accomplished and that all persons with disabilities within their county are voluntary registered.
- Provide Education, Training on Hurricane and Disaster Planning to individuals, agencies, departments and organizations within their county.
- Provide FEMA Hurricane and Disaster Publications to persons with disabilities, organizations, departments and agencies within their county.
- Work with media of the county on promoting the mission of the organization.
- Work with the county special needs department so that all are aware, educated on the programs for persons with disabilities.

Scope of Task - County

- Work with the county and or county agencies that will provide emergency electrical recharge points for those who are in power chairs and scooters.
- Promote and Assist individuals, agencies, departments and organizations in creating there own Hurricane and Disaster Plan incase of an emergency.
- Create a list of Agencies, Departments and Organizations that work with the persons with disabilities within there county and with an Emergency Point of Contact – name, organization or agency, address, phone, and mobile phone so that contact can be made during an Emergency that has been declared by that county.
- Keep the Region notified of all activity

Scope of Task - Region

- Promote the Organization Mission "No Person Left Behind" during and Hurricane or Disaster and that they will be accounted for within their county.
- Works with all organizations, departments, and agencies with in there region so that the mission of the organization is accomplished and that all persons with disabilities within their county are voluntary registered.
- Provide Education, Training on Hurricane and Disaster Planning to the persons with disabilities, agencies, departments and agencies within their region.
- Provide FEMA Hurricane and Disaster Publications to persons with disabilities, organizations, departments and agencies within their region.
- Work with media of the region on promoting the mission of the organization.

Scope of Task – Region

- Coordinate with the counties special needs department within their region so that they are aware, educated on the programs for persons with disabilities.
- Work with their counties within there region to maintain a master list of all emergency electrical recharge points that will provide emergency power charging for those who are in power chairs and scooters.
- Promote and Assist individuals, Agencies, Departments, and Organizations in creating there own Hurricane and Disaster Plan incase of an emergency within their regions and to assist there counties as needed.
- Create and maintain a list of Agencies, Departments, and Organizations that work with persons with disabilities within there region, by county an Emergency Point of Contact – name, organization or agency, address, phone, and mobile phone so that contact can be made during an Emergency that has been declared by a county or counties in their region.
- Keep the Organization Headquarters notified of all activity within their region.

Scope of Task - Headquarters

- Promote the Organization Mission "No Person Left Behind" during and Hurricane or Disaster and that they will be accounted for within the State of Florida.
- Works with all organizations, agencies and departments within the state that deal with persons with disabilities, so that the mission of the organization is accomplished and that all persons with disabilities within the state are voluntary registered.
- Provide Education, Training on Hurricane and Disaster Planning to persons with disabilities, agencies, departments, organizations with the State of Florida.
- Provide FEMA Hurricane and Disaster Publications to persons with disabilities, organizations, departments and agencies within the State of Florida in all formats.
- Work with media in the State of Florida on promoting the mission of the organization.

Scope of Task - Headquarters

- Work with the State Emergency Operations Staff and agencies, departments so that all are aware, educated on the programs for persons with disabilities.
- Work with the State, Regions and County agencies so that emergency electrical recharge points are created, for those who are in power chairs and scooters.
- Promote and Assist individuals, agencies, and organizations in creating there own Hurricane and Disaster Plans incase of an emergency.
- Create and maintain a list of Agencies, Departments and Organizations that work with persons with disabilities within the State and with an Emergency Point of Contact – name, organization or agency, address, phone, and mobile phone so that contact can be made during an Emergency that has been declared by the State, Region or County.
- Keep the State notified of all activity.

Technical Information

- Hardware
 - Servers
 - 4 each
 - Software
 - Microsoft
 - Adobe
 - VPN Virtual Private Network
 - VOIP Voice over Internet
 - Backups
 - APC



Locations

- In-State
 - Southwest Florida
 - Northwest Florida
 - Northeast Florida
- Out of State
 - Location to be determined

Communications

Servers

- Will be connected by redundant T-1 phone lines
- Will have the ability to be used by alternate means incase of catastrophic failure in any part of Florida.



Phone Service Added

- Possible 311, 611, 811, access so that persons with disabilities anywhere in the state can access the system and notify us that they are ok or need assistance.
 - This will work on all land line phones in the State of Florida
 - Request that be added to all cellular carriers in the State of Florida so instant access can be done incase of land line phone system being down.
- A Nation wide number for access to the system so that persons with disabilities can access and give us there location and check in to let us know that they are ok.
- Integrated with our database for reverse 911 system, as an example Dialogic System.
- Each applicant will be given a pin number to update, alert and notify us of the individual's location for accountability.



- TTY
 - Each office will have a TTY for use by those who are hearing impaired.
- FAX
 - Each office will have a dedicated fax machine to use to send and receive documents as needed.

Devices Needed

Printers

- Large Print/Braille
 - The organization will have at least 1 combination large print / braille printer so that all documents can be printed for those who need large print or Braille.
- Large Format Printers
 - The Organization Headquarters will have at least 1 large print printer or printers that can handle large volumes, so that documents can be printed and sent to those who request them in large print.
 - Each Region will have at least 1 large print printer or printers that can handle large volumes, so that documents can be printed and sent to those who request them in large print as a back up for the headquarters

Computers

- All offices will have computers with high speed internet connections, large monitors, and able to work with zoom text, jaws, and any other adaptive devices needed so that staff can perform there duties as needed.
- There will be at least one computer with video-cam, so that video conferencing can be done with other agencies, departments, organizations and state on an as needed basis in the performance of there duties.



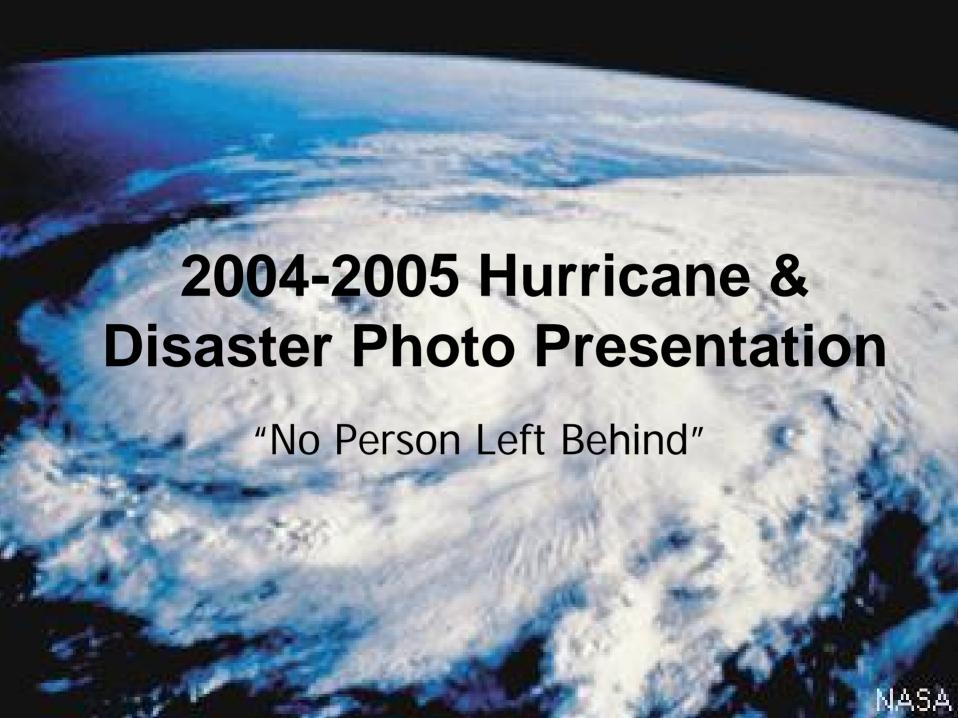
Facilities

All facilities used by the organization will have a Backup Emergency Power source.

All facilities used by this organization will / should be able to be used as an Emergency Call Center when activated for use during a Hurricane or Disaster.

Transportation

- Have available at least 1 ADA bus with lift and with the capacity of transporting 6 or more power chairs or scooters per trip.
- During a Hurricane or Disaster this vehicle and/or additional vehicles will be a used solely to for transportation of Persons with Disabilities to the Hurricane Call Center, or other Emergency Centers (i.e. Emergency Operations Center, 211 Storm Watch, local emergency power recharge locations) or other locations as needed, that may be open within there county, region and or to.

















































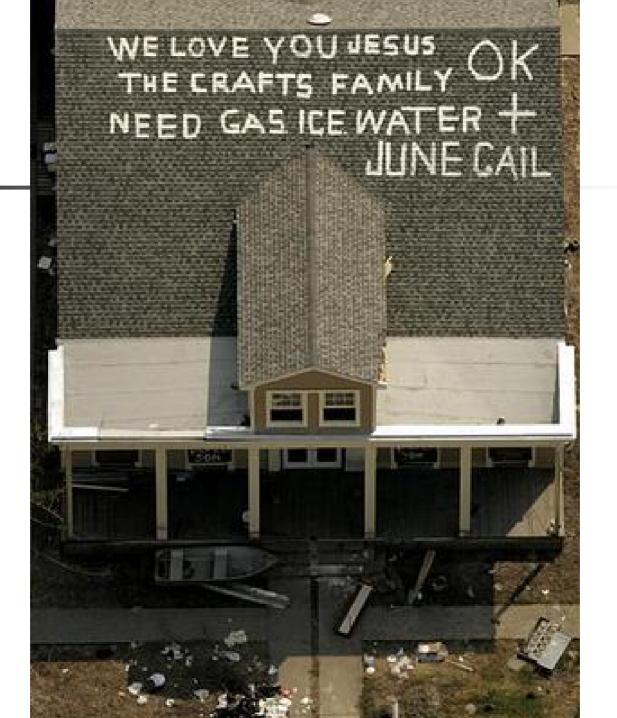




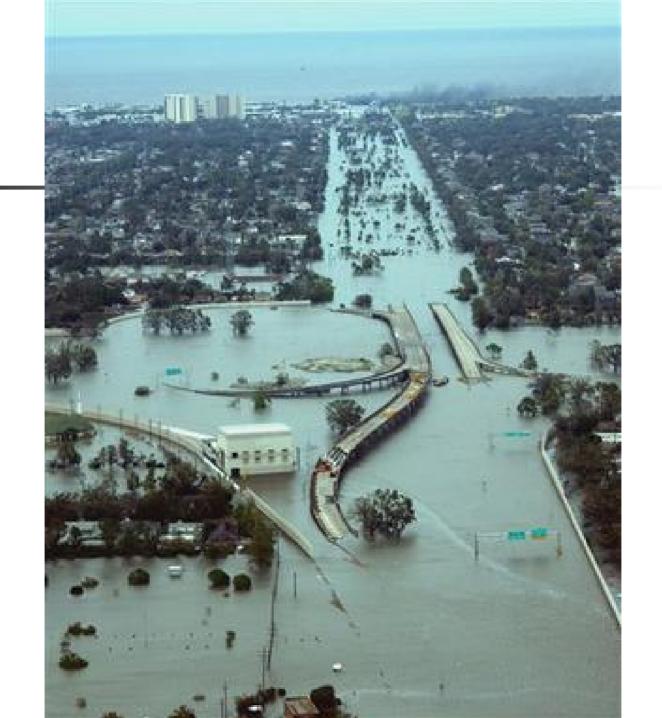












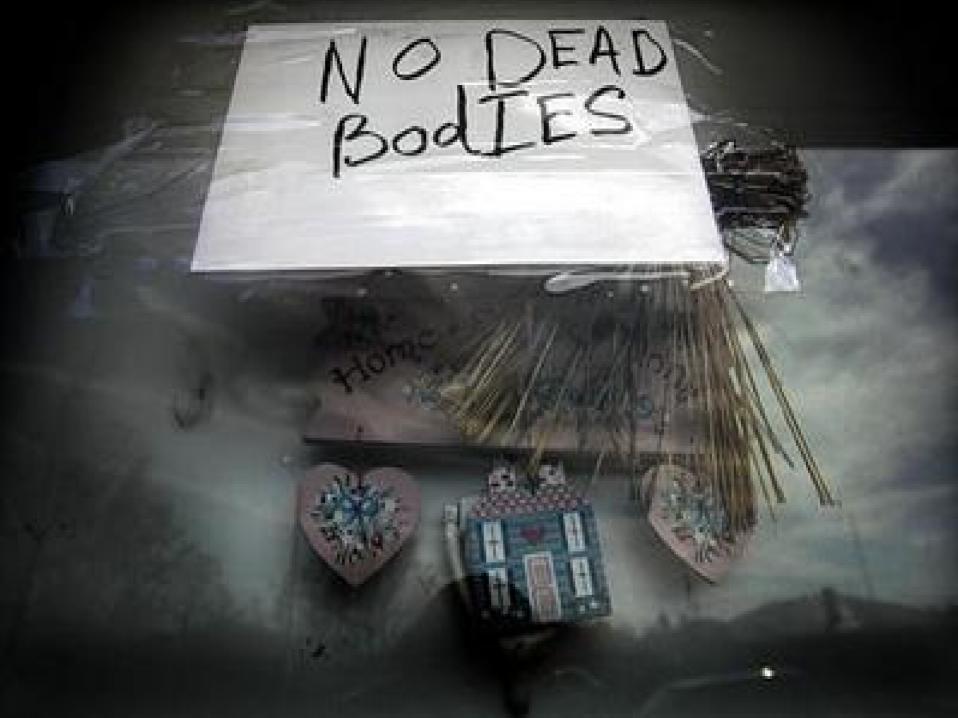
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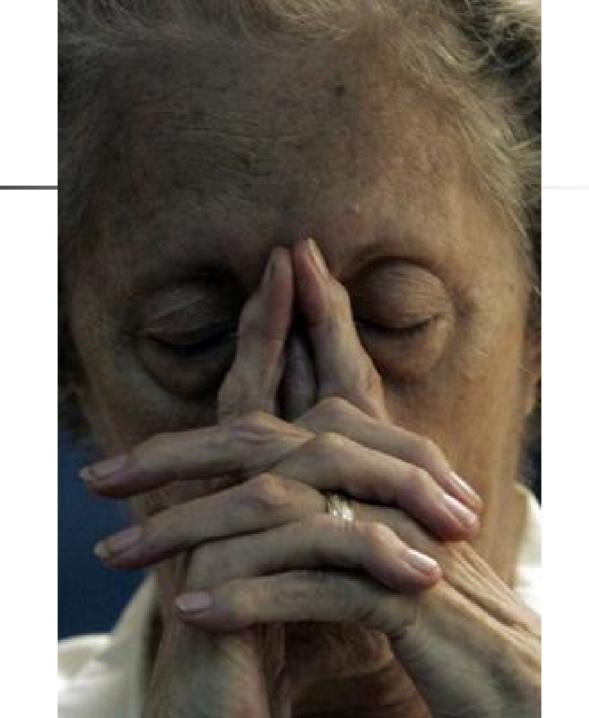














Summary

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State of Florida Pilot 2006

- Region 6 and Region 7
 - All of south Florida from the east coast to the west coast.

Who created this program and why?

 This program was created by persons with disabilities in Southwest Florida

This program was created for persons with disabilities to help them prepare for hurricanes and disasters that happen in the State of Florida

Web Site Information

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