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You're On Your Own

Emergency Preparedness for the I/DD Community

The complexity of modern society has given rise to increasing vulnerability to natural disasters. The impact of these disasters falls hardest on those who are least able to care for themselves and the most likely to be marginalized by responders. This presentation will provide information on what really occurs in disasters, what we can expect from the government response and methods for helping to prepare the DD community to cope with hazards.

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Session Outline

Objective 1: Explain the true nature of disaster and its impact on the DD community

- Defining disaster
- Distinguishing between hazards and vulnerability
- Dispelling disaster mythology
- Understanding what you can expect from government response
- Why the DD community is particularly vulnerable to disasters
- Current legislative initiatives and national programs

Objective 2: Provide information on realistic and practical preparedness for the DD community

- Essential elements of personal preparedness
- Mitigating hazards prior to an event
- Personal preparedness kits
- Preparedness for caregivers
- Preparedness for caregivers and care facilities

Objective 3: Describe methods for preparing the I/DD community for disaster

- Problems in preparing the I/DD community
- Using concrete visuals to encourage preparedness
- Developing community buy-in

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