



# Georgia Emergency Preparedness Coalition for Individuals with Disabilities & Older Adults

Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.



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## Coalition Members:

AMAC Accessibility Solutions and Research Center, Georgia Tech

American Red Cross of Georgia

Center for Advanced Communication Policy, Georgia Tech

DeKalb County Emergency Management

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children

Georgia Center of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Inc.

Georgia Advocacy Office

Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Georgia Department of Human Services, Office of Facilities and Support Services

Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Aging

Georgia Department Public Health, Division of Health Protection, Emergency Preparedness and Response

Georgia Emergency Management Agency

Georgia State Financing & Investment Commission-State ADA Coordinator's Office

Gwinnett Health and Human Services,

Gwinnett, Newton, Rockdale County Health Departments

Project Independence-Georgia Vision Program for Adults Age 55 and Over

Shepherd Center

Southeast ADA Center

For more information about the Coalition, please visit: <http://ada.georgia.gov>

The **Georgia Emergency Preparedness Coalition for Individuals with Disabilities and Older Adults (Coalition)** is a committee and a key component in statewide emergency preparedness efforts. It consists of stakeholder agencies throughout Georgia. The mission of the coalition is to serve as a comprehensive clearinghouse between local advocacy groups serving individuals with disabilities and older adults, and state agencies responsible for emergency preparedness and response under the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP).



## Committees:

Functional Needs Support Services

Community Outreach

Training & Technical Guidance

## Projects & Activities\*:

- \* **Be Prepared Radio Broadcast:** An archive of short public service announcements featuring emergency preparedness tips/information for Georgians with disabilities developed through GARRS and featuring Coalition Partners.
- \* **Emergency Preparedness Brochure for Individuals with Disabilities & Older Adults:** Created as a handy reference to help individuals with disabilities and older adults prepare for emergency situations.
- \* **Establishment of the Disability Community Network:** A network of more than 50 disability service providers around the state, who provide emergency preparedness information to agencies and organizations that serve individuals with access and functional needs.
- \* **First Responders Tips Guide:** A quick reference guide that provides specific, practical tips for working with people who have a wide range of abilities.
- \* **NOAA Weather Radio with Accessories for Individuals with Disabilities Brochure:** A brochure that explains the use of the weather radio and the accessories available for alerting individuals who are blind, deaf or hard of hearing.
- \* **Ready Georgia Campaign ([www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov)):** This website includes planning tools and a phone app with information for individuals with disabilities and access to a preparedness video in American Sign Language (ASL).
- \* **State of Georgia Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) Toolkit:** A resource guide that identifies specific functional needs support services throughout the State of Georgia.
- \* **Train-the-Trainer:** This workshop provides participants with the tools, guidance, and techniques necessary to assist the individuals they serve with emergency preparedness and planning.

\*Electronic copies of these projects (in pdf and html) and more information on these activities can be found at: <http://ada.georgia.gov/publications-videos-webinars-photos>

