



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

Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.

## Partner Agencies

- American Red Cross of Georgia
- Atlanta Area School for the Deaf
- Center for Advanced Communication Policy, Georgia Tech
- Dekalb County Emergency Management
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Friends of Disabled Adults and Children
- GACHI, Serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Georgia Advocacy Office
- Georgia Association of the Deaf
- Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
- Georgia Department of Human Services
- Georgia Department Public Health
- Georgia Emergency Management Agency
- Georgia Radio Reading Service
- Georgia State Financing & Investment Commission-State ADA Coordinator's Office
- Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services, Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Gwinnett, Newton, Rockdale Public Health District
- Southeast ADA Center
- Tools for Life-AMAC

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



The Georgia Emergency Preparedness Coalition for Individuals with Disabilities and Older Adults (Coalition) is an ad-hoc 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).



- ### 2012 Committees
- Functional Needs Support Services
  - Community Outreach
  - Training & Technical Assistance
  - Functional Resource Support Teams

## Projects & Activities

- \* **First Responders Tips Guide:** A quick reference guide that provides specific, practical tips for working with people who have a wide range of abilities.
- \* **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 consisting of approximately 50 disability service providers around the state, established to provide emergency preparedness information to agencies and organizations that serve individuals with access and functional needs.
- \* **State of Georgia Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS) Resource Guide:** A resource guide intended to identify specific functional needs support services throughout the State of Georgia.
- \* **Communication Access Options for Individuals Who Are Deaf, Hard of Hearing Or Have Speech Difficulties:** A guide that outlines the various communication options available during disaster/emergency incidents.
- \* **American Red Cross Shelter Drills:** The ARC includes individuals with disabilities in yearly drills to better identify challenges that may arise when sheltering people with disabilities.
- \* **Be Prepared Radio Broadcast - Be Prepared** is a short public service announcement program featuring emergency preparedness tips/information for individuals with disabilities developed through GARRS and featuring Coalition Partners.
- \* **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.
- \* **Functional Resource Support Teams (FRST):** Proposal developed to identify resource specialists that can be deployed to shelters to specifically assist individuals with access and functional needs.
- \* **Ready Georgia Campaign ([www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov)):** This website includes planning tools for individuals with disabilities and access to American Sign Language Preparedness videos and Braille documents.