

*A Thurston County
Public Health & Social
Services project
implemented in
collaboration with
community agencies
providing services to
those least likely to
be prepared in a
disaster*

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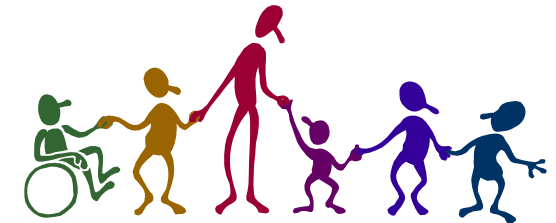
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Vulnerable Populations Project

Enhancing Disaster Preparedness
Through Relationships with Community Agencies

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Disaster preparedness education and supplies for agencies and their clients



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Who is least likely to be prepared for a disaster in our community?

Data specific to Thurston County tells us that the elderly, those with chronic diseases, and families with young children are least likely to be prepared for a disaster. In addition, these groups have individual, specific needs (i.e., medications, access to electricity) which compound the necessity for preparedness.

How can agencies providing routine services to vulnerable groups enhance preparedness?

Routine contact with trusted staff provides an ideal mechanism to assist those most vulnerable to be better prepared during a disaster.

What is the Thurston County Vulnerable Populations Project?

Thurston County Health Department received targeted funding to work with community agencies to enhance the level of preparedness of their clients. Thurston County will train agency staff on how to educate their clients. In addition, preparedness kits will be provided to agency staff for their use, and for the agency clients.

How can community agencies participate?

Community agencies agree to participate and create an action plan. Their staff are gathered to receive training and the agency receives preparedness kits for both staff and clients. Agency staff then provide education and the kits to clients during routine contacts. Agency participation in the project ends with feedback to the project.

Step 1	Letter of Participation
Step 2	Action Plan
Step 3	Staff Training
Step 4	Receive Kits
Step 5	Client Education
Step 6	Feedback
Step 7	Project Complete

What will happen as a result of this project?

The goal of the vulnerable populations project is to provide tools to community agencies to enhance preparedness among those least likely to be prepared during a disaster. The negative consequences as a result of a disaster will be lessened among those better prepared.

When will this project take place?

The community agency time frame for the project is two to four months, with completion by July 1, 2009

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