



At-Risk Individuals Program and COVID-19

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Background on ASPR





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ASPR/At-Risk Individuals (ARI) Program



- COVID-19 Response – HHS/FEMA Community Mitigation Workgroup
- Team includes 2 ASPR/ARI personnel and multiple COVID-19 Rotations



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HHS Requirements for At-Risk Individuals

The [Public Health Service Act](#) forms the foundation of HHS' legal authority for responding to public health emergencies as amended by the 2019 [Pandemic And All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act](#) (PAHPAIA).

Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovation Act (2019) updated language under the **Public Health Service Act** (PHSA)

- **Section 2802** requires taking into account the public health and medical needs of at-risk individuals. It defines at-risk individuals as children, pregnant women, older adults, individuals with disabilities, and others who may have **access or functional needs** in the event of a public health emergency as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Access and Functional Needs (AFN) Population



Children



People Who Live
in Institutional
Settings



Older
Adults



Pregnant
Women



People
with
Disabilities



People with
Chronic
Conditions



People with
Pharmacological
Dependency



People with
Limited Access
to Transportation



Limited English
Proficiency/ Non-
English Speakers



People with
social and
economic
limitations



Individuals
Experiencing
Homelessness

At-Risk Individuals, Behavioral Health & Community Resilience (ABC) Library – Older Adults

HHS/ASPR Access and Functional Needs Web-Based Training

- Defines the concept of “access and functional needs” (or AFN) of at-risk individuals including older adults, people with disabilities, people with chronic health conditions, etc.
- Approach for addressing a common AFN irrespective of specific diagnoses, status, or labels
- Tools for addressing AFN during disaster preparedness, response, and recovery activities

Working with Older Adults and People with Disabilities: Tips for Treatment and Discharge Planning

- Considerations for public health planners and emergency responders when older adults require temporary placement in a healthcare facility during a public health emergency
- Steps to take to ensure discharge planning is person-centered and places these individuals in the least restrictive environment that meets their needs

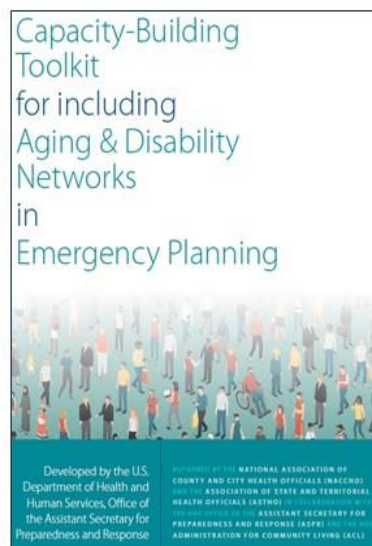


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Capacity-Building Toolkit

- Version 2.0 published June 17th, 2020
- HHS: ASPR & ACL
- National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)



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Purpose of the Capacity-Building Toolkit

Ensure equal access to our nation's emergency preparedness, response and recovery resources

- Provide information and resources for the Aging and Disability Networks to become more engaged in emergency planning (CBO Readiness)
- Advance whole community planning and supporting consumers (Consumer Planning)
- Develop partnerships with emergency management and public health officials (Partnership)



Emergency Planning for Organizations

- Identify hazards
 - ✓ Conduct risk assessments
- Create an Emergency Operations Plan
- Understand the Incident Command System (ICS)
- Understanding the Emergency Support Functions (ESF)
- Participate in trainings and exercises
- Engage in consumer advocacy
 - ✓ Participation in exercises
 - ✓ Inclusion in emergency plans

Figure 1 – The Phases of Emergency Management



COVID-19 ARI Activities to Date



Foster relationships with new and existing stakeholders



Collaborate with partners to create and promote resources and guidance



Support expanding and maintaining of nutritional resources



Develop journey maps and other resources for providers serving AFN population

Sustaining Nutritional Needs for At-Risk Individuals

- Guidance for federal agencies and state, local and territorial governments to sustain and expand home delivered meals and other nutrition programs through:
 - Identifying need
 - Building capabilities
 - Engaging networks
 - Creating solutions
- Provides information on leading practices and existing programs that provide nutrition services for at-risk individuals
- Includes overview of government programs that address nutritional needs

ARI Program: Recent and Forthcoming Products

Recent (COVID-19 Response Resources):

- [Sustaining Nutritional Needs for ARIs](#)
- [Federal Programs to Sustain Nutrition for ARIs](#)
- [Returning to Work for Community Based Organizations](#)

Forthcoming:

- Adults with Disabilities in Community Settings
- HHS/ASPR/At-Risk Individuals Program and Federal Partners: Telehealth and CBOs Webinar Series
- HHS/ASPR Addressing the Needs of Older Adults in Disasters: Web-Based Training (TRAIN Learning Network)
- Replacing Durable Medical Equipment & Prescription Drugs after a Disaster: Addressing the Needs of Medicare Beneficiaries (ASPR & CMS)

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COVID-19: Novel Coronavirus Disease

Information about ASPR's efforts to protect the nation from this novel disease are available [online](https://www.phe.gov/emergency/events/COVID19) at www.phe.gov/emergency/events/COVID19.

The screenshot shows the ASPR Public Health Emergency website. The header includes the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services logo and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. The main navigation bar has tabs for Preparedness, Emergency, and About ASPR. The page title is "Public Health Emergency" with the subtitle "Public Health and Medical Emergency Support for a Nation Prepared". Below the title, there is a search bar and a breadcrumb trail: "PHE Home > Emergency > Events > 2019 Novel Coronavirus". The main heading is "COVID-19: 2019 Novel Coronavirus Disease". To the right of the heading is a "Related Resources" section. Below the heading, there are four featured images with captions: 1. "Emergency Declarations and Waivers" showing a stethoscope and a document labeled "COVID-19". 2. "Online Training Webinars and Peer-to-Peer Sessions" showing a person on a laptop screen. 3. "Meeting the Needs of At-Risk Individuals" showing a person in a blue shirt holding a bag of food. 4. "Volunteering and Community Service" showing a person in a blue shirt with "OKLAHOMA MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS" on the back.

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Questions

