

**Disasters are always inclusive.
Response and recovery are not, unless we plan for it!**



Disasters are hard for anyone, but can be especially difficult for people with disabilities or special needs. The Southwest Utah Public Health Department (SWUPHD) invites you to be part of a new coalition that will increase emergency preparedness for people with “Access and Functional Needs” (AFN). The goals of this coalition include:

- Help individuals with AFN create personal preparedness plans
- Assist agencies and organizations to include AFN in their emergency plans
- Create a communication plan to notify AFN partners in the event of an emergency

Healthcare providers receiving Medicare/Medicaid funds must now include an AFN component in their emergency preparedness plans. Please join our efforts to care for those who would be the most vulnerable in an emergency! Our next meeting will be held on:

**Wednesday, March 28 (10:00 - 11:00 am)
SWUPHD St. George office (620 S. 400 E.)
4th floor conference room**

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