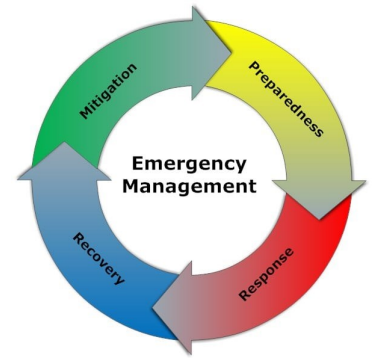


# CIEP ALERT

COALITION ON INCLUSIVE EMERGENCY PLANNING  
A Statewide Disability Advisory Group of the WASILC



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## WHAT CAN CIEP DO FOR YOU?

The Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning (CIEP) is a statewide advisory group that brings expertise and perspectives into disaster preparedness based on access and functional needs (AFN) faced by people with disabilities and other vulnerable populations. CIEP's focuses on the three pillars of inclusive emergency planning:

- **Effective Communication:** This affects the exchange of information between emergency management and people with sensory (hearing and vision), some types of cognitive disabilities affecting comprehension, and those with speech disabilities. Another at-risk population includes individuals with Limited English Proficiency, which covers not only those who are fluent in other languages but not English. Those who know English but cannot read, write, speak or hear the language may have some overlapping needs as people who are deaf, hard of hearing, with other types of disabilities. Thanks to new and emerging digital technologies, information can be exchanged in more than one format: audible, visible, text, graphics, tactile, and more.
- **Programmatic Access:** Policies may be in place that have intended or unintended consequences of excluding people with disabilities. One example may be places that have a NO ANIMALS policy which may exclude service animals. A NO PET policy may keep out furry friends, but must allow animals that have been trained to do specific tasks for their owners with a disability. Another at-risk population includes people that do not own a car. They may be content with their transportation habits on a typical "blue-sky" day. During a disaster, evacuation plans must consider their needs as well.
- **Physical Access:** Architectural barriers exist in many shapes and forms. From parking slots on steep slopes to kiosks without accessibility features to narrow restroom doors, such barriers prevent people with disabilities from fully utilizing all the services within an establishment.

Access and Functional Needs populations include members that may have existing or additional access needs before, during and after an incident in one or more functional areas.

The following functional areas from FEMA’s C-MIST Framework may apply to you.

C—Communication

M—Maintaining Health

I—Independence

S—Safety, Support Services, and Self-Determination

T—Transportation



**FEMA**

This article is partly derived from FEMA’s online course IS-0368—Including People With Disabilities and Others With Access and Functional Needs in Disaster Operations. The course summary can be found online at: <https://emilms.fema.gov/IS0368/DIS0101190text1.htm>

Are you developing or updating an emergency plan at your home or workplace? Are you a stakeholder participating in your local community emergency planning process? Either way, CIEP can provide technical assistance to help review your jurisdiction’s Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans (CEMP) using a matrix to help make your plans more inclusive for people with disabilities and those with access and functional needs under the various Emergency Service Functions (ESF).

Interested in being a CIEP stakeholder? Contact Jim House at [HouseJ@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:HouseJ@dshs.wa.gov).

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**Editor’s Note:** Welcome again to **CIEP Alert!** As your Disability Integration Manager I am bringing new perspectives to this newsletter. Feel free to share this with your friends...

Here, you will learn more about the CIEP as a community resource. CIEP advises state-level emergency management professionals and provides technical support to communities as well as workplaces in enhancing their emergency plans to be more inclusive.

On the back page, we have a calendar of events where you have the opportunity to help shape CIEP into a relevant resource for you. Elsewhere you will see a report on the Travis Alert Act that guides first responders encountering a person with a disability at the scene of an accident or other emergency.

If you have any comments about this issue of **CIEP Alert** or suggestions for future issues, please send me an email at [HouseJ@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:HouseJ@dshs.wa.gov). This email can also be used to subscribe or unsubscribe. Let me know if there are others who should receive this newsletter.

# TRAVIS ALERT ACT

Staff from CIEP and the Washington State Independent Living Council (WASILC) collaborated with the Department of Health on implementing the Travis Alert Act concerning persons with a disability present at the scene of an accident. Known as SHB-1258, the act was signed into law earlier this year by Governor Inslee, which added new language to RCW 38.52.440 in Emergency Management and RCW 43.70.490 in Department of Health.

The Travis Alert Act calls for the Department of Health (DOH) to collaborate with Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), State Fire Marshal's Office, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Washington State Council of Firefighters to design an online training program that "will familiarize fire department and emergency medical service personnel with the techniques, procedures, and protocols for best handling situations in which persons with disabilities are present at the scene of an emergency".

CIEP is proud to be a part of this conversation and looks forward to full implementation of SHB-1258 incorporating best practices in effective communications.

## CIEP Manager Completes Accessible CERT Train-the-Trainer Course

Jim House from CIEP has completed the Accessible CERT Train-the-Trainer class at the Redmond Fire House 17 in April 2018. Pictured here on the right is Jim House with firefighter Josh Schaeffer evaluating a prototype of an instructional card game developed by Desiree Matel-Anderson of Field Innovation Team to assist CERT teams as they encounter people with a disability or another access and functional need.



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## News & Resources

### Where Tradition Fails, Technology Succeeds in Reaching Angelenos Left Behind

<http://www.govtech.com/health/Where-Tradition-Fails-Technology-Succeeds-in-Reaching-Angelenos-Left-Behind.html>

### A Police Department in Texas Just Hired its First Ever Deaf Female Officer

<http://abc7amarillo.com/news/local/dalhart-police-department-hires-deaf-female-officer>

### You'll Be Able To Text 911 in Virginia, Thanks To These Teenagers

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/youll-be-able-to-text-911-in-virginia-thanks-to-these-teenagers/2018/04/23/02bab492-470c-11e8-9072-f6d4bc32f223\\_story.html?noredirect=on&utm\\_term=.a8ed7cd27e73](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/youll-be-able-to-text-911-in-virginia-thanks-to-these-teenagers/2018/04/23/02bab492-470c-11e8-9072-f6d4bc32f223_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.a8ed7cd27e73)

### Deaf Residents Underserved by Emergency Management Services

[https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/emergency-management-systems-neglect-deaf-citizens\\_us\\_5a01ebebe4b02f3ab3377d6b?ncid=engmodushpimg00000003](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/emergency-management-systems-neglect-deaf-citizens_us_5a01ebebe4b02f3ab3377d6b?ncid=engmodushpimg00000003)

### ***TRAINING RESOURCE:*** FEMA Emergency Management Institute (EMI)

### IS-368: Including People With Disabilities & Others With Access & Functional Needs in Disaster Operations

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-368>

## Coming Events:

### CIEP Quarterly Meetings

**WHEN:** 6/19/2018 10:00am—11:30am 9/19/2018 10:00am—11:30am

12/12/2018 10:00am—11:30am 3/20/2019 10:00am—11:30am

**WHERE:** DVR Headquarters, 4565 7th Ave. SE Lacey, WA 98503 (Conference Room)

### SILC Quarterly Meetings— Day 1: 9:00am to 4:00pm and Day 2: 9:00am to 2:00pm

#### WHEN & WHERE:

**7/12-13/2018** at Oxford Suites, 9550 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale, WA 98383

**10/11-12/2018** at Red Lion River Inn, 700 N Division St., Spokane, WA 99202

All meetings are open to everyone, per the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30). On Day 1 of the SILC meetings, the Council hosts a panel discussion and public forum from 1:00 to 3:30 pm to gather information and advice from the disability community, consumers, service providers, and the public to identify what is working in their community, as well as to identify gaps and barriers. ASL interpreters are provided. For all other Reasonable Accommodation Requests, please contact Jim House at [HouseJ@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:HouseJ@dshs.wa.gov) at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Requests received less than two weeks before the event are not guaranteed.