



***Prepared4ALL* Frequently Asked Questions**

What is Prepared4ALL?

Prepared4ALL is an initiative of AUCD's National Technical Assistance and Training Center on Disability Inclusion in Emergency Preparedness. *Prepared4ALL* aims to increase the number of disability organizations that are actively engaged in local emergency planning efforts by harnessing the unique strengths of these disability organizations, local public health planners, and emergency managers. *Prepared4ALL* strives to improve public health emergency planning over the long term by strengthening existing local capacity or building new local capacity for both disability organizations and the local emergency and public health preparedness agencies.

How does Prepared4ALL connect disability organizations and emergency and public health professionals in the community?

The *Prepared 4ALL* initiative mobilizes disability organizations and their networks to foster connections with emergency and public health professionals in three ways:

1. *Prepared4All* links local disability organizations with local emergency management agencies and public health organizations by harnessing their local chapters or affiliates of disability organizations and supporting introductions between local public health planners and emergency managers.

2. An online *Prepared4ALL* training offers an approach for building relationships between local disability organizations and public health planners and emergency managers, while learning about disability inclusion and the emergency management system. The first course, "Whole Community Emergency Planning," will consist of 6 modules: (1) Welcome to Disasterville: The Prepared4ALL Process and COVID-19 Testing; (2) The Prepared4ALL Process in Action: Emergency Dispensing Sites; (3) Disaster Impacts, Disability Demographics and Community Living; (4) The American emergency management system; (5) Whole Community Emergency Planning; and (6) Active Planning Meeting - How To. This course is initially aimed at local disability organization affiliates and chapters.

3. AUCD Trainees may opt to complete a practicum capstone Prepared4ALL experience.

Trainees may serve as Prepared4All Disability Inclusion Coaches to help form local networks between community disability organizations, local emergency management, public health departments, and community health centers. These local networks or *Prepared4ALL Action Teams™* may collaborate with each other on local disability inclusion efforts, such as accessible communication, in order to be ready for future emergencies.

How is Prepared4ALL funded?

Prepared4ALL is a one-year, CDC-funded project that aligns with CDC's public health jurisdiction on planning and preparedness. AUCD advises on disability inclusion and coordinates with sister grantees, NACCHO and ASTHO, to ensure that a disability perspective is included in their efforts and so that there is no duplication of efforts.

Do partners of Prepared4ALL receive a stipend?

Prepared4ALL engages local organizations and AUCD trainees that see this work as connected to efforts that they are already compensated to do. We do not provide additional funding. AUCD understands if organizations are not able to weave this work into existing efforts, so other avenues to share the information freely are offered through the *Prepared4ALL* online course and resources in the *Public Health is for Everyone online toolkit*.

What will Prepared4ALL affiliates do at the local level?

Prepared4ALL affiliates can get involved in these efforts using their current resources and personnel. Let us help you work smarter! Affiliates can get involved in many ways including, but not limited to:

- Increasing emergency preparedness knowledge and confidence by taking our free online training, using our Public Health is for Everyone Toolkit, identifying organizational strengths, and more
- Identifying and connecting with local emergency preparedness efforts with support from our staff
- Educating and collaborating with local emergency preparedness personnel to increase inclusion and accessibility

How can I learn more about Prepared4ALL?

To learn more or to join the *Prepared4ALL* initiative, please email Prepared4All@aucd.org or fill out our interest form and let us know how you'd like to get involved:

<https://tinyurl.com/Prepared4ALL-Interest>