

Activity List

- I. Voting Accessibility
 - A. Activity: Addressing Polling Accessibility
 1. Desired Outcome: Evaluate and Identify Barriers
 2. How to Measure Success
 - a) Placement of Equipment Barriers
 - b) Number of problems during election
 - c) Another agency has this information
 - d) Collaborate with ?
 - e) Listening (Now that people know the machines are out there, people will tell us if there's a problem)
 - f) Send Angela to observe the polls. We need to observe at our polling place.
 - g) When more People with Disabilities vote at polls
 - h) Are complaints brought to the commission concerning polling place accessibility?
 3. Barriers to Achievement:
 - a) Not looking at what has already been done
 - b) Some people are concerned about cost. Must watch out for backlash
 - c) Those who use sip and puff to drive chair may not be able to use machine
 - d) Not identifying and fixing barriers
 - e) Getting people to understand what accessible voting should be is probably the first initial barrier to be handled
 - B. Activity: Full Participation in Voting by People with Disabilities (this goal needs Outcome Measurement and Barriers)
 1. Desired Outcome: Needs to be developed
 2. How to Measure Success: Needs to be developed
 3. Barriers to Achievement: Needs to be developed
- II. Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities
 - A. Activity: Monitor Emergency Services (Quality and Quantity)
 1. Desired Outcome: To prevent "Katrina-like" situations, ensure that EMS take People with Disabilities concerns into consideration, maximize response
 2. How to Measure Success:
 - a) Review and update every six months city and state emergency management procedures
 - b) Disseminated to groups who represent People with Disabilities
 - c) A stated policy and procedures relating to emergency services at government levels
 - d) Regular education
 - e) Simulations
 - f) Keep talking to emergency personnel
 - g) Review plans
 - h) When we have fewer complaints
 - i) You measure success by ensuring that emergency response agencies have taken into account the needs of the disabled.
 3. Barriers to Achievement:
 - a) City and State not timely
 - b) Groups not timely
 - c) Time, resources
 - d) Money
 - e) Only on radar when crisis happens
 - f) Some don't know/understand what we need
 - g) Unreported concerns/complaints

h) Those accessibility needs are not always made clear by the disabled themselves

B. Activity: Emergency evacuation services

1. Desired Outcome: To provide a forum for officials to be educated about People with Disabilities, People with Disabilities stay alive, not have a Katrina-like situation, Training manual and procedures documented, recognition of the unique needs and services to be provided
2. How to Measure Success:
 - a) Executive committee review emergency management procedures every six months
 - b) Documented materials
 - c) Training date and locations
 - d) Similar to other emergency questions
 - e) Safer evacuation
 - f) The key need here for the blind is accessible information. In other words, visual warnings are useless to us. We need something audible. Scanned PDF documents are also inaccessible. Our needs are best met when PDF documents are in PDF text format.
3. Barriers to Achievement:
 - a) Time/resources
 - b) Money
 - c) The biggest barrier is the idea that one size fits all here. Various different disability groups have different needs.