

Managing Special Populations During Emergencies

Providing effective support and care to vulnerable special education populations prior to, during, and following an emergency is a critical priority for schools. Students with chronic conditions can lose access to critical medicines, others may need assistance with evacuation and during other emergency responses. This program takes an all-hazards approach by breaking down each of the responses and looking at the extra steps required to reduce the likelihood that our vulnerable populations will suffer injury, medical emergencies, or even death during natural, technological, and man-made critical incidents. School officials will understand the importance of student emergency action plans, personal evacuation plans, group evacuation plans, refuge points, go-kits, and will receive other guidance that school emergency planners will need to know how to identify and account for the unique needs of our vulnerable special education populations.