

Resource List: Emergency Preparedness: Improving Communication Access for People with Limited Speech

Newsletters:

AC News, Vol 19, #4, Dec 2007/Jan 2008.

Through the first hand experience of many individuals and a call to action, this issue of AC News reviews the impact of world disasters and humanitarian emergencies on people with disabilities and those who are called upon to support them at such times. This edition of AC News presents the experiences and perspective of people who have complex communication needs, their family members, relief workers and those who were called upon to rebuild communities after hurricane Katrina.

www.augcominc.com

AT Focus, Vol9, Issue 4 – Summer 2007.

This issue of AT Focus provides information on devices that may be used to prevent or alert individuals with disabilities during an impending emergency. The publication also lists related websites.

<http://disabilities.temple.edu>

Communication Displays.

EAD & Associates, LLC.

EAD & Associates, LLC provides expertise in emergency management and special needs planning that ensures people with disabilities are prepared for natural and manmade disasters, emergencies and their consequences. EAD and associates a disaster Readiness Wheel for people with disabilities. One side of the wheel provides preparedness steps while the reverse side provides response information.

www.eadassociates.com

Servision provides readymade and customized Communication Picture Boards to meet the needs of people who rely on AAC and the partners they may meet in emergency situations. Servision's communication boards can be helpful in a variety of settings: field hospitals, ambulances, shelters and assistance centres.

www.eadassociates.com westcots@aol.com

Indoff and Vidatak E-Z Board.

Provides customized augmentative communication displays for the voice-disabled in acute-care and other hospital settings.

www.ahutton.com

Relief Organisations.

United States Department of Justice (DOJ)

An ADA Guide for Local Governments:
Making Community Emergency Preparedness and
Response Programs Accessible to People with Disabilities.

www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/emergencyprep.htm

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Disaster Resources for People with Disabilities, Disability-related Organizations and Emergency Managers.

www.jik.com/disaster.html

Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions (CDIHP)

Emergency Evacuation Preparedness Guide

http://www.cdihp.org/products.html#evac_guide

FEMA (Dept of Homeland Security). Disaster information, assistance, recovery and rebuilding.
www.fema.gov

READY: Prepare, Plan and Stay Informed.

This site has an excellent and fun section for children to explore and prepare for emergencies.
www.ready.gov www.ready.gov/kids/index.html

The Red Cross.

This is where you will find information on “Go Bags.”

www.redcross.org www.redcrossstore.org/shopper/ProdList.aspx

CDIHP, Centre for Disability Issues and Health Professionals.

This Centre provides an Emergency Evacuation Preparedness Guide.

http://www.cdihp.org/products.html#evac_guide

AAC Organisations.

USSAAC, the US Chapter of *ISAAC* posts information concerning humanitarian emergencies that affect people who rely on AAC: e.g. Disaster Preparedness Tips for Emergency Management Personnel: People with Limited Speech and

Disaster Preparedness for People with Limited Speech: Taking Responsibility for Your Safety and Tips for AAC Advocates.

www.ussaac.org

ISAAC posts AC News, Vol 19, #4, 2007/2008 in the site’s Information Exchange.

www.isaac-online.org

AAC-RERC (the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Communication Enhancement) is hosting information on disaster preparedness on their website and inviting others to link to it. They have worked in collaboration with *USSAAC* and *News-2-You* to develop a range of useful materials for (1) people with complex communication needs and their families, (2) emergency management personnel and (3) AAC advocates. They are also conducting a study of vocabulary that should be available during emergency situations.

www.aac-rerc.com

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www.news-2-you.com

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