

Be the Solution!
Emergency Preparedness Strategies for People with Special Needs Symposium

Community and faith-based organizations are a critical resource for people with special needs, especially during emergencies. Organizations like yours bridge community needs with grassroots solutions which are beneficial before, during, and after an emergency.

The NYC Citizen Corps Council invites leaders from community and faith-based organizations, as well as consumers, to attend the upcoming **Emergency Preparedness Strategies for People with Special Needs Symposium**. This symposium will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, from 9 AM to 12 PM at Baruch College's Vertical Campus Conference Center, located at 55 Lexington Avenue, Manhattan. Doors open at 8:30 AM. Breakfast will be served. Venue is an accessible location.

Building on emergency preparedness challenges and concepts discussed at the first Emergency Preparedness Strategies for People with Special Needs Symposium in September 2010, we will highlight grassroots solutions to more effectively support people with special needs before, during, and after an emergency.

Unlike lecture-based conferences, this symposium will involve a two-way discussion between you and other leaders, focusing on improving communication, building stronger partnerships, identifying resources, and empowering individuals. Be the solution!

Registration is required to attend this free event. [Register here](#) or by visiting www.NYC.gov/citizencorps. At this time, we can only accommodate two representatives from each organization.

Please forward this invitation to your contacts. For any questions, please contact Erin Lavelle at citizencorps@oem.nyc.gov.