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About Us

The NYC Citizen Corps Council is part of the national Citizen Corps initiative to bring together local leaders from community organizations, government, the private sector, and volunteer programs. The Council promotes grassroots emergency preparedness and volunteerism and helps enable New Yorkers to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

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Emergency Preparedness Strategies for People with Special Needs

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9AM - 12PM
Baruch College



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Welcome

Dear Attendee,

On behalf of the NYC Citizen Corps Council, welcome to the *Emergency Preparedness Strategies for People with Special Needs Symposium!*

In September 2010, the NYC Citizen Corps Council's Special Needs Task Force, in conjunction with the Home Based Care Alliance hosted a symposium for people who require more care and a higher level of support during an emergency situation. Bringing together over 130 consumers, caregivers, and home care providers, the event recognized the gaps and acknowledged the importance of community organizations and networking in emergency preparedness.

Today, building on challenges and concepts discussed at the first *Emergency Preparedness Strategies for People with Special Needs Symposium*, we will highlight grassroots solutions to more effectively support your consumers, and how people with disabilities, older adults, and others can support each other.

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.

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. Be the solution!

Feel free to contact us at citizencorps@oem.nyc.gov, visit us online at www.NYC.gov/citizencorps or follow us on Tumblr at www.nyccitizencorpscouncil.tumblr.com.

Thank you for your solutions,



Justin Land

Co-Chair, NYC Citizen Corps Council
Senior Community Outreach
Coordinator, NYC Office of
Emergency Management



Linda Whitaker

Chair, Special Needs Task Force
Assistant Commissioner,
NYC Department for the Aging

Resources

Advance Warning System (Emergency Notifications for Agencies)

www.advancewarningsystemnyc.org

American Red Cross in Greater New York

www.nyredcross.org

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

www.fema.gov

Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities

www.NYC.gov/mopd

National Organization on Disability

www.nod.org

New York Cares

www.newyorkcares.org

Notify NYC (Emergency Notifications for Individuals)

www.NYC.gov/notify

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www.NYC.gov/health

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www.NYC.gov/aging

NYC Office of Emergency Management

www.NYC.gov/oem

NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services

www.dhses.ny.gov

Ready.gov / Ready Kids

www.ready.gov

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serves as Senior Pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Somerville, NJ.

Doris Williams is a retired secretary and worked as a Junior Clerk with the New York Stock Exchange, Insurance Secretary at Visiting Nurse Services and Customer Service Representative at Group W Cable. Doris is a member of The Frederick E. Samuels Community Democratic Club and has worked on many political campaigns including Assemblyman Keith Wright and Former Manhattan Borough President, C. Virginia Fields. Doris is a firm advocator and has been recognized for her commitment to advocacy and service. She advocates for Alzheimer's Diseases, Aids, Seniors and Grandparents raising grandchildren, and Education. Most recently, She is working on a project "Connecting Families" which organizes communities by bringing families together in a social atmosphere to encourage higher education, healthy habits, tours, and "UNITY." Doris is Co-Chair of the Department for the Aging's Senior Advisory Board.

Agenda

8:30 AM – Doors Open, Check-In, and Breakfast

9:00 AM – Welcome

Joseph F. Bruno
Commissioner, NYC Office of Emergency Management

9:10 AM – Keynote Address

Marianne Jackson
Federal Coordinating Officer – Retired, Federal Emergency Management Agency

9:40 AM – Panel Discussion

Aaron Belisle (Moderator)
Special Needs Outreach Coordinator, NYC Office of Emergency Management

Regina Fowler
Self-Advocacy Association of New York State

Rev. Donald A. Stiger
Senior Vice President for Mission, Lutheran HealthCare
Founder, South Brooklyn Interfaith Coalition for Health & Wellness

Doris Williams
Co-Chair, NYC Department for the Aging's Senior Advisory Board

10:20 AM – Break Out Group Discussion

11:50 AM – Closing

Justin Land
Co-Chair, NYC Citizen Corps Council
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Emergency Management



Speakers

Aaron Belisle is the Special Needs Outreach Coordinator for the New York City Office of Emergency Management. Aaron works to incorporate people with access and functional needs, and others that may need additional services during emergencies, in New York City's emergency planning. This is achieved by fully engaging these communities at the individual, service provider and advocacy levels in all of the New York City Office of Emergency Management's activities. Aaron oversees New York City's Advance Warning System, an emergency communication system that reaches multiple populations by providing targeted messaging through their existing service providers. In addition to his duties at the Office of Emergency Management, he advises the Regional Catastrophic Planning Team for NY, NJ, CT and PA on fully integrating access and functional needs into its plans. Aaron is a graduate of Boston College Law School and is an attorney in New York and Massachusetts.

Commissioner Joseph F. Bruno began his career in public service began in 1971, when he joined the New York City Law Department as a trial attorney. Bruno was elected to the New York City Civil Court in 1991 and to the New York State Supreme Court in 2002. In March 2004, Mayor Bloomberg appointed him commissioner of the New York City Office of Emergency Management.

Since his appointment, Commissioner Bruno has overseen New York City's implementation of the Citywide Incident Management System—the City's standard for responding to and managing emergencies and planned events. In 2006, he managed the comprehensive revision of the City's Coastal Storm Plan to ensure the City is prepared for a worst-case scenario hurricane and can shelter more than 600,000 residents. Ready New York, the City's emergency preparedness campaign, has expanded to include 12 guides in 23 languages under Commissioner Bruno's guidance. During his years as commissioner, Bruno has coordinated the City's responses to incidents such as the 2006 Queens blackout, the July 2007 steam pipe explosion, two crane collapses in 2008, the 2009 H1N1 flu outbreak, two tornados in 2010, a series of heavy winter storms spanning the end of 2010 into 2011, and Hurricane Irene in August 2011.

Marianne Jackson has 26 years of experience working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. She has broad and in-depth experience in disaster readiness, response and recovery. She has

worked with government officials and emergency managers at all levels, the media, voluntary agencies, Native American tribes, and the private sector. Marianne has served on over 50 Presidential disaster declarations nationwide in urban, rural and outside the continental United States, and has authorized over \$2 billion from the President's Disaster Relief Fund. Now retired from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Marianne is currently the subject matter expert and Senior Advisor on the Greater New York City Catastrophic Plan and is the Federal Coordinating Officer for Professional Development Plan revision and Special Needs analysis.

Justin Land is the Senior Community Outreach Coordinator for the New York City Office of Emergency Management. He is the Co-chair of the NYC Citizen Corps Council, a network of non-profits, government organizations, and cultural and faith-based institutions focused on disaster preparedness and volunteerism. Prior to joining the New York City Office of Emergency Management in 2009, Justin served three years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Dakar, Senegal where he assisted hospitals in the implementation of health-based urban agriculture projects. Justin also served with the American Red Cross in Atlanta, Georgia during the response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Justin graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in International Affairs.

Rev. Donald A. Stiger has served as Senior Vice President for Mission and Spiritual Care at Lutheran HealthCare, Brooklyn, NY since 2003. His responsibilities include mission integration, pastoral/spiritual care, clinical pastoral education, ethics, faith/health partnering with community congregations, and strengthening the institution's shared mission with its sponsoring organization - the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He is an ordained pastor in the ELCA, a board-certified chaplain in the Association of Professional Chaplains, and a certified supervisor in the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Don served for six years as Director for Ministries in Chaplaincy, Pastoral Counseling and Clinical Education at the ELCA Churchwide Office. For seventeen years he served as a hospital chaplain and supervisor of clinical pastoral education at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Illinois. Don has also served as Acting Dean of Students and Adjunct Professor of pastoral care at The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He has published articles on pastoral care, clinical supervision, ethics, and faith/health issues in *Caring Connections*, *Vision*, *The Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, *Christian Ministry*, *The Journal of Biocommunications*, and other publications. He is married, has two adult children, and resides in Somerset, New Jersey. Don's wife, Christine,

