Disability Inclusive
Emergency Sheltering

Meeting the Needs of the Whole Community
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The Department’s mission is to provide military and emergency management capabilities to citizens of Arizona and the Nation.
Planning for the Whole Community:

In 2011 the State Access & Functional Needs Task Force was established. It supported the creation of a emergency management programs for whole community inclusion.

» Equal Access
» Physical Access
» Access to Effective Communication
» Inclusion
» Integration
AFN Shelter Support Kits
AFN Shelter Support Kits (AFN Kits) contain:

» Accessibility – ramps;
» Power supply accessories, solar chargers;
» Internet connectivity;
» Assistive Communication;
» Restroom and shower necessities;
» AFN cots;
Functional Needs Support Program (FNSP)
» FNSP conducts functional assessments of the needs of people with Disabilities and others with Access & Functional Needs (AFN) at emergency shelters.

» FNSP members determine what resources are needed to accommodate the needs of the AFN population;

» FNSP members are prepared to procure needed resources;
Considerations for Sheltering the AFN Population:

- Accessible Shelters
- Accessible Cots
- Accessible Toilets and Showers
- Accessible Aisles
- Privacy Screening / Quite Rooms
- American Sign Language Interpreters
- Alternate Language Media
- Personal Assistive Services
- Children / Unaccompanied Minors
- Adaptive Communications Devices
- Translators for common languages
- Accessible Signage
Concluding Thoughts

» Whole Community Planning
  - Best Practices
  - Lessons Learned

» Goal
  - Effective Planning
  - Enhance Communication
  - Essential Coordination
  - Increased Efficiency
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