

Effective Population-based Engagement

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Where to Begin??

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Key Concerns:

- ❑ Lack of Time
- ❑ Insufficient Human or Financial Resources
- ❑ Lack of Connection to or Engagement with Disability Community/Advocacy Organizations



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National Disability Organizations/Possible Partners:

- AAPD
- UCP
- MDA
- MS Society
- Special Olympics
- US Paralympics
- Autism Awareness
- American Diabetes Association
- NSCIA
- American Cancer Society
- Alzheimer's Association
- NDRN
- Gallaudet University
- NAD
- AFB
- NFB

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Disability Organizations/Possible Partners:

- State: Protection and Advocacy Agencies, DD agencies, Health and Human Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, agencies for the blind, agencies for the deaf
- Local: Centers for Independent Living, special recreation associations, disability sport providers, group homes, supportive housing, accessible housing providers, nursing homes and other institutional settings, Alzheimer units, local chapters of national or state organizations

How to Engage

- ❑ Survey your population
- ❑ Identify key organizations
- ❑ Setting up advisory group to assist in planning/preparedness
- ❑ Convene a regular meeting (monthly or at needed interval)
- ❑ Solicit input on planning/preparedness
- ❑ Invite organizations/individuals to participate in planning and preparedness exercises and training
- ❑ Solicit feedback

WHAT ARE MY COMMUNITY'S RESOURCES?



Community Resources

- ❑ MA Office on Disability
- ❑ MA Rehabilitation Commission
- ❑ MA Commission for the Blind
- ❑ MA Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- ❑ MA Department of Mental Health
- ❑ MA Department of Developmental Services
- ❑ Disabled Persons Protection Commission
- ❑ Disability Law Center



Questions?



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