



FEMA

Community-Based Organization Training

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Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) provide critical services to those disproportionately impacted by incidents. They are the food banks, childcare centers, shelters, and houses of worship that make our communities stronger. When CBOs are unable to continue operating, those who rely on them are left vulnerable. CBOs should maintain and improve their abilities to:

- **Prepare for risks** in their communities;
- Develop **emergency plans** for various disaster types; and
- Understand what is necessary to keep their **doors open** during and after a disaster.

PREPARING COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

The "OPEN" course introduces community leaders to the **10 preparedness actions** and empowers them to take necessary steps to plan and prepare their CBOs for incidents through lecture, group discussion, and activities.

 Understand Risks	 Safeguard Critical Information
 Mitigate Risks	 Establish a Communications Plan
 Identify the People You Serve	 Cross-Train Key Individuals
 Determine Essential Activities	 Formalize Plans
 Consider the Supply Chain	 Regularly Test and Update Plans



Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs

"OPEN" is a new training that grants CBOs tools to prepare for disasters. This class helps community leaders:

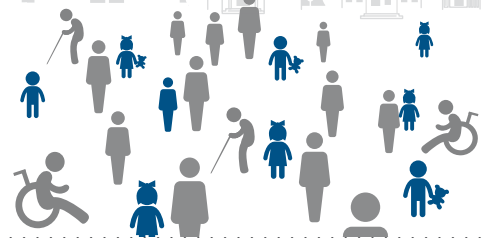
- Identify risks;
- Learn essential preparedness actions; and
- Locate available resources to execute preparedness actions.

15 - 40% of businesses fail following a natural or man-made incident.

94% of small business owners believe an incident would seriously disrupt their business within the next two years.



Community-Based Organizations are often the go-to service providers that families and individuals rely on in times of need. They are one of the first lines of defense that help communities fully respond to and recover from disasters. Without CBOs functioning at their full capacity in times of emergency, marginalized individuals are further exposed to hardship.



Online access: You can access the "OPEN" Training in two ways. It is available as hard-copy resource and in an online format. To find both, visit: www.community.fema.gov/cbo/