

Responding to Disaster

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Fire fighters are among the first responders to rush in when disaster occurs.

To aid first responders with the evacuation and rescue of individuals with disabilities, the Mobile TIPS for First Responders was developed as part of Project REDD (Research and Education on Disability and Disaster) at the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University. On the Mobile TIPS webpage specific disabilities are listed (e.g. Autism, Deaf or Hard of Hearing) for reference during emergency situations. The TIPS also link to resources and services in the state, an Acronym Guide which provides both disability and emergency management acronyms, a link to the **RE**sources for **D**isasters and **D**isability (REDDy) Directory, and a link to the Directory of Community Resources available statewide in Texas. TIPS can be downloaded for use in the field when cell service is not available. The Mobile TIPS for First Responders can be found at: <http://disabilitytips.tamu.edu/>

For information on the REDDy Directory: <http://disabilityresources.tamu.edu/>

For information on Project REDD: <http://redd.tamu.edu/disaster-information>

As long-term recovery continues from Hurricane Harvey, the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University and the Texas Center for Disability Studies at the University of Texas at Austin have joined together to develop the ReDiscovery Project. The ReDiscovery Project provides training, technical assistance, and educational materials on supports, services,

and resources in Texas for individuals with disabilities and other functional and access needs affected by Hurricane Harvey. Training and technical assistance is offered free and is available on-site, to disaster case managers, disability-related organizations, emergency personnel, long-term recovery committees, voluntary organizations active in disasters, community-based partners, as well as to other organizations, who serve Hurricane Harvey survivors in any of the 41 federally-declared disaster counties in Texas. To schedule a presentation, technical assistance, or consultations please contact disabilityresources@tamu.edu

For more information on ReDiscovery visit: <http://redd.tamu.edu/rediscovery>

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