

RDPO Accessible Communications Workshop (June 7th)

The RDPO will be hosting an Accessible Communications Workshop on June 7th, from 9am until 2:00pm, 10301 NE Glisan St, Portland, OR 97220. The goal of this conference is to provide a forum where people from the community that have language barriers to receiving communications during emergencies, and those that disseminate emergency information can share their perspectives and develop strategies on how to narrow that gap.

The agenda is as follows:

- 8:00: Registration (breakfast)
- 9:30: Notification Systems
- 10:00: Break
- 10:15: Community Member Presentations
- 11:00: Speaker
- 11:30 – 12:00: Lunch/get to breakout
- 12:00 – 1:25: Breakout sessions
- 1:30: Closing Comments
- 2:00: End

Food and prizes will be available to community members.

Inclusive Emergency Planning Workshop (June 18th)

Recent wildfires and hurricanes have shown us that the effects of disasters are far worse for some populations than for others. Too often, people with disabilities are among this disproportionately impacted group. Oregon has a chance to change this dynamic.

In 2018, the three (3) primary state agencies that develop emergency management plans that encompass the disability community – the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Oregon Health Authority/Oregon Public Health (OHA PH), and the Oregon Office of Emergency Management (OEM) – combined efforts to set the ground work for building inclusion in emergency management.

Along with the State Independent Living Council and disability-led organizations, these agencies are planning a workshop to bring together people with disabilities, seniors, disability organizations, and the emergency management community to identify inclusive priorities for Oregon to address in emergency plans. This workshop will be held on June 18, 2019 at the Salem Convention Center and will be streamed live online.

Registration is available online at this address: <https://oriep.eventbrite.com>