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Community Resilience Best Practice: Organization Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN)

Community-based organizations (CBOs) play a huge role in the daily lives of millions of Americans. CBOs include food banks, childcare centers, shelters, and houses of worship that help make our communities stronger. CBOs provide many essential services on “blue-sky days.” CBOs are a critical resource to communities affected by a disaster. When CBOs are unable to stay open, during a disaster, individuals who rely on CBOs’ services may be deeply impacted, and the staff of CBOs may be put at risk or have a loss of income. The CBOs themselves may face a challenging recovery, affecting livelihoods. The Nation depends on CBOs to provide local response and recovery to their communities. It’s imperative that these important CBOs are prepared for any incident that may come into their communities. This poster session will demonstrate how an Organization Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN) is a best practice approach for equipping CBOs to take preparedness actions before a disruption, such as build a preparedness plan, safeguard critical information, and most importantly, continue to provide essential services to the whole community. This poster session will also highlight ten (10) preparedness actions to empower CBOs to make their organization more resilient.

Presentation Theme: An Organization Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN) is a best practice approach designed to empower community-based organizations (CBOs) to take necessary steps to plan and prepare before for incidents happen.

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