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Speaker Bio:

Bri Lentz is a current graduate student studying Disaster Resiliency Leadership and emergency preparedness practitioner focusing on disability integration, she has spent her time learning about the resilience of people with access and functional needs (AFN). Her experience working with the New Orleans Health Department has allowed her to gain an understanding of the AFN community in the city of New Orleans. Hurricane Ida opened her eyes to the needs of people with AFN such as energy dependence, accessible transportation, and interpretation services. Through this work she realized the importance of building the capacity of community organizations so they can better assist their community during disaster. This coupled with her research of people with AFN in disasters such as the Campfire, Hurricane Sandy, and the recent 2021 Western North America heat wave allow her to have a special look into advancing equitable resilience initiatives and expanding capacity through partnerships. Before her time with the health department, she worked with Americorps as a FEMA Corps member responding to disaster such as Hurricane Florence, Hurricane Michael, and the California Camp Fire.

Presentation:

The Next Generation: A Passion to Serve

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