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Standardizing the Non-Standard: Applying Emergency Planning Frameworks to Human Services-Related Events

Governmental and private organizations are increasingly tasked with responding to non-traditional threats. Climate change and political turmoil have led to an increase of displaced populations, challenging immigration and human services infrastructure across the globe. Housing crises across U.S. and international cities has led to an increase in homelessness, overstressing civic and private infrastructure. While these events may not typically be viewed as standard emergency response efforts, they cause a real and present danger to organizational and community resilience. Preparing for, responding to, and recovering from these events requires human-centric approaches and human services systems, but many of these non-traditional responders may not be familiar with emergency management practices and protocols. Beyond bringing experts into the fold, organizations must expand and adapt their planning frameworks to meet non-standard mission areas, and human services and other departments can drive planning efforts for non-traditional threats.

This poster will present findings on how organizations can adapt their planning frameworks to meet atypical and human services mission areas, bringing their standard planning frameworks and response structures to

prepare for non-standard threats. This poster will leverage quantitative and qualitative insights to showcase the increase of human-service related threats across geographic areas and the challenges governmental, non-governmental, and private organizations have experienced bringing together diverse areas of expertise. This poster will also showcase training and collaboration practices organizations have leveraged to allow human services departments drive planning efforts for potential human services disasters.

Presentation Theme: Atypical Threats and All-Hazards Planning - Including connection points to human services systems and the impact of atypical disasters on vulnerable populations.

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