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Speaker Bio:

Mollie Tinnin is the Louisiana based Disability Integration Advisor for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, ensuring the needs of the disability community are met before, during and after disasters. Previously, Mollie worked with the American Red Cross as a Safety Program Manager, Disaster Program Manager and Regional Preparedness Manager. Her passion for serving the disability community comes from her own experience as a person with a disability and struggles from overcoming the additional resulting barriers to accessing basic healthcare and replacement of durable medical equipment post hurricane Ida. She holds undergraduate and graduate degrees in Occupational Safety and Health as well as an executive certificate in Home Modification. She is also credentialed as a Certified ADA Coordinator, Emergency Medical Technician - Basic and a Certified Safety Professional.

Presentation Title:

Inclusion Matters: How to Avoid the Disaster After the Disaster

13.4 million people in the United States live with a disability, including me. When Hurricane Ida made landfall in Louisiana in 2021, my disability forced me to go out of state to get medical care. My experience and what I've learned since have made me a passionate advocate for disability-inclusive preparedness planning and outreach activities in the community.