



CMIST Resources Planning

Access and Functional Needs:

These are our Community Members who need **ACCESS** to **CMIST** resources In order to **FUNCTION** During Emergencies & Disasters:

C- Communication
M- Maintain Health
I- Independence
S- Safety, Support Services, Self-Determination
T- Transportation

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The Access and Functional Needs framework suggests that there are things that EVERYONE needs to be able to do (functions) and get (access) during emergencies, regardless of who we are. This is crucial during an emergency.

C-MIST identifies people’s actual needs during an emergency rather than labeling them as “special needs” or “vulnerable populations”

(CMIST is a memory tool to help people remember and plan for the five functional needs resources individuals may have in order to function in an emergency or disaster) **communication, maintaining health, independence, support and safety, and transportation**

Communication: Planning Resources/Partners

During an emergency, people with communication needs may not be able to hear announcements, see signs, understand messages or verbalize their concerns. These are people who have limited or no ability to speak, see, hear or understand.

- Multi Language interpreters
- CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation)
- Pictures to communicate
- Pocket Talkers
- Loop Systems
- Microphones
- Local Colleges
- Accessible Documents also in Languages of local community
- Relay Services
relaycolorado.com
- Ubi Duo (a 2-way resource for communicating with people who are deaf)
- Large print
- Assistive Technology Partners
- Braille Partners

Maintaining Health: Planning Resources/Partners

People may require assistance in managing activities of daily living such as eating, dressing, grooming, transferring and going to the toilet. It includes managing chronic, terminal or contagious health conditions (such as ongoing treatment and administration of medications, IV therapy, catheters, tube feeding, dialysis, oxygen, operating life sustaining equipment...) Early identification of these needs and intervention can avoid decline of health.

- Adaptive Equipment Partner
- Durable Medical Equipment Partners
- Pharmacy Partners
- Grocery Stores Partners
- Dialysis Center Partners
- Trach Supply Partners
- Oxygen Supplier Partners
- Back Up Power Partners
- Home Health Partners
- Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)
- VOAD Partners
- Donation Management Partners

Independence: Planning Resources/Partners

People who are able to function independently by having their assistive devices and/or equipment. Items consist of mobility aids (such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches); communication aids; medical equipment, (such as catheters, oxygen, syringes, medications); and service animals. Individuals may become separated from their assistive equipment and/or animals in an emergency. Those at risk whose needs are recognized and restored early are able to maintain their independence and manage in mass shelters. Effectively meeting their functional needs prevents secondary complications.

- Durable Medical Equipment Partner for access to:
 - Wheelchair
 - Canes
 - Crutches
 - Canes
- Battery Partner:
 - Hearing Aid
 - Cell phone recharging station
 - Communication Aid
 - Power Wheelchair battery
- Donation Management Partner
- Housing Partners:
 - Homeless
 - Low-income
 - Accessible
- Service Animal Partner
- Center for Independence Partner
- Area Agency on Aging
- ADA Partner
- Oxygen Supplier Partner
- Bariatric Cot Partner
- Assistive Equipment Partner
- Adaptive Equipment Partner
- Back up Power Partner
- Volunteer Management Partner

Safety/Supports/Services: Planning Resources/Partners

Some people may require Safety/Supports/Services include those who have psychiatric conditions (such as dementia, Alzheimer, Schizophrenia, depression or severe mental illness); addiction problems; brain injury, or become anxious due to transfer trauma. During an emergency, some people with mental illness may be able to function well while others require a more protected and supervised setting.

- Behavioral Health Partner
- Alzheimer Association Partner
- Brain Injury Partner
- Local Community Center Board Partner
- Public School Partners
- Homeless Service Partner
- Tourist Service Partners
- Chamber of Commerce Partner
- Housing Organization Association
- Medical Reserve Corp MRC
- Public Health Partner
- Food Bank Partner
- Clothing Bank Partner
- Insurance Partners
- Bank Partners
- Undocumented Service Community Partner
- Dept of Human Service
- UPS and FedEx partners

Transportation: Planning Resources/Partners

Emergency response requires mobility and this category includes people who are unable to drive because of disability, age, temporary injury, poverty, addiction, legal restriction or have no access to a vehicle. Wheelchair accessible transportation may be necessary. Pre-planning evacuation needs helps prevent chaos during an emergency and many people can function independently once evacuated to safety.

- Paratransit Providers
- Vehicle lift Service Partners
- Local Jails/prisons Partner
- Public Transportation Partners
- Rental Car Partners
- Paratransit Vehicle Dealer Partner
- Local School Partners
- Ambulance Service Partners
- Adult Day Program Partners
- Medical Appointment Transportation Partners
- Silver-Key Partners
- Area Agencies on Aging Partners
- Assistive and Skilled Nursing Living Partners