



Center for People With Disabilities

Overcoming Barriers to Independent Living Since 1977

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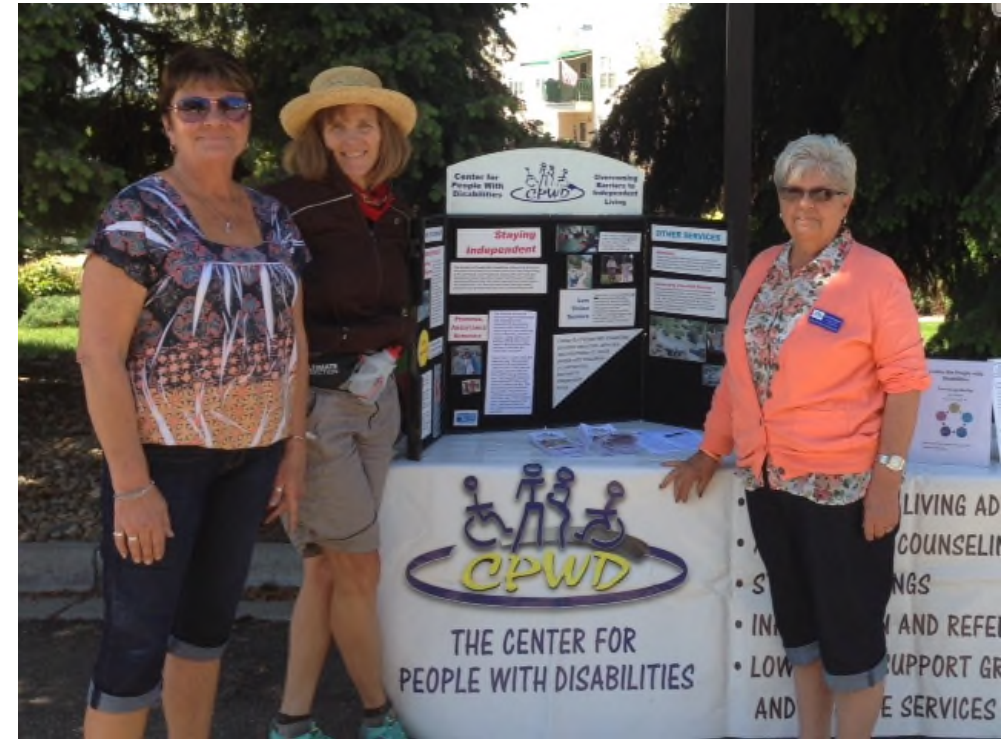
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- Mission of CPWD is to provide resources, information and advocacy to assist people with disabilities in overcoming barriers to independent living.



Core Services and Programs

- 5 Core Services:
 - Independent Living Skills Training
 - Information and Referral
 - Individual and Systems Advocacy
 - Peer Support
 - Transitions
- Programs
 - Nursing Home Transition Services
 - Youth Transition Services
 - Veterans Independence Program (VIP)
 - Independent Living Advisors (ILA)
 - Beyond Vision
 - Employment





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



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- Easy Read shows information in two ways - with pictures and words - and repeats the main ideas of the document to make sure the most important information gets understood.

Importance of Interpreters




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If I have to evacuate my home and I do not drive, what do I do?

Community conversation cards



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Hi, my name is _____

I live at _____

My phone number is _____

The best way to contact me is:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone | <input type="checkbox"/> In-person (door knocking) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Would you be willing to:

- Help to notify me when a disaster is occurring
- Help me understand emergency notification directions
- Help me get out of my home
- Help me with transportation

If you're willing to support with any of these or plan together please contact me. Thank you!

Community conversation cards

- Disasters and Emergencies
- Make a Plan**
- Plan Ahead
- Build a Kit
- Low and No Cost Preparedness
- Financial Preparedness
- Get Tech Ready
- People with Disabilities
- Ready Campus
- Pets and Animals
- Older Adults
- Evacuation**
- Plan for Locations
- Home Fire Escape Plan
- Safety Skills
- Shelter
- Get Involved
- Ready Business
- Ready Kids
- Resources

Evacuation

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Plan to Evacuate

Many kinds of emergencies can cause you to have to evacuate. In some cases, you may have a day or two to prepare while other situations might call for an immediate evacuation. Planning is vital to making sure that you can evacuate quickly and safely no matter what the circumstances.

Before an Evacuation

- Learn the types of disasters that are likely in your community and the local emergency, evacuation and shelter plans for each specific disaster.
- [Plan](#) how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate.
- Check with local officials about what shelter spaces are available for this year.
- Identify several places you could go in an emergency such as a friend's home in another town or a motel. Choose destinations in different directions so that you have options during an emergency.
- If needed, identify a place to stay that will accept [pets](#). Most public shelters allow only service animals.
- Be familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
- Always follow the instructions of local officials and remember that your evacuation route may be on foot depending on the type of disaster.
- Come up with a family/household plan to stay in touch in case you become separated; have a meeting place and update it depending on the circumstance.
- Assemble supplies that are ready for evacuation. Prepare a "go-bag" you can carry when you evacuate on foot or public transportation and supplies for traveling longer distances if you have a car.
- If you have a car:
 - Keep a full tank of gas if an evacuation seems likely. Keep a half tank of gas in it at all times in case of an unexpected need to evacuate. Gas stations may be closed during emergencies and unable to pump gas during power outages. Plan to take one car per family to reduce congestion and delay.
 - Make sure you have a portable [emergency kit in the car](#).
- if you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if needed. Decide with family, friends or your local emergency management office to see what resources may be available.



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