

**Project::**    **The Outreach Life Safety Project**

**Applicant::** Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County,  
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**Partners:**    Middlesex County Office for the Disabled

**Council Funds:**   \$25,000.00

**Match Funds:**    \$10,461.39

**Abstract:**    The Outreach Life Safety Project is focused on using an emergency management tool to reach out to and engage older adult parents and their adult children with developmental disabilities living in their homes. CPAMC is proposing to utilize Council funds to outreach and identify this population through the development of emergency response kits and crisis helper teams.

The NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities reports that (2008) there are 4,406 individuals with developmental disabilities living in their family homes in New Jersey where the parents are projected to be over the age of 65 and 355 in Middlesex County alone (DDD, May 2008). CPAMC has three main adult day programs in Piscataway, Port Reading and Toms River in which 53 of the participants live in their family homes.

As a result of the Outreach Life Safety Project the fifty individuals with developmental disabilities and their families/caregivers that participate in the project will be prepared if an emergency occurs in the home and their care giver is unable to assist them.

As a result of the project, a minimum of 15 first responders will be educated and better equipped to handle in-home emergencies where an individual with developmental disabilities is unable to adequately communicate their needs.