

Project:: [Emergency Preparedness Project - YEAR 2](#)

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Abstract: The primary focus of this project is to introduce a broader scope of emergency preparedness, for awareness of resources available and to help prepare PwDD in planning and dealing with emergencies in their community. It is important to demonstrate that people with disabilities be viewed as active participants in the emergency preparedness process, not just passive receivers of assistance; they bring skills, knowledge and determination to the process. The project will address the issues of emergency preparedness and the desire to educate people with developmental disabilities (PwDD) in Mercer and surrounding counties to become active stakeholder in the emergency management process all while maintaining independence.

The Progressive Center for Independent Living, Inc. (PCIL), with the assistance of the NJ Office of Emergency Management (NJ OEM) will build on the standardized curriculums to create a unique response to particular issues involving PwDD.

With this enhanced curriculum, PCIL will instruct 3-5 Liaisons, (whom are PwDD) on emergency preparedness topics. These individuals will become Community Disaster Liaisons within their communities to educate other PwDD and emergency responders on such topics.