

Progressive Center for Independent Living - Ewing, NJ \$22,000.-
Emergency Preparedness Curriculum

Two Year Project

The Progressive Center for Independent Living, Inc. (PCIL), with the assistance of the NJ Office of Emergency Management (NJ OEM) will build onto standardized OEM curriculums to create a unique response to particular to issues involving PwDD. It will employ this enhanced standardized curriculum to instruct people with developmental disabilities on emergency preparedness topics. These individuals will become Community Disaster Liaisons within their communities and educate other PwDD and emergency responders, attend emergency preparedness planning meetings within Mercer County (initially).

The project addresses the importance of getting involved in your community. It will include how to access resources for emergency managers, responders and service and care providers regarding their role in ensuring the safety and security of people with disabilities; to provide practical information on how people with disabilities can prepare for an emergency; and to provide information for family members of, and service providers to, people with disabilities. The project includes information for emergency planners and first responders to help better serve PwDD with dignity.

The model curriculum will be disseminated through collaboration with other Centers for Independent Living in NJ.