

WSC ADVISORY #2018-033
SUGGESTED PERSONAL DISASTER PLAN

ACTION REQUIRED

EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

Thank you for your commitment to helping individuals prepare for any personal or community disaster. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) recognizes the time commitment and effort required to develop a personal disaster plan, and appreciates the work of Waiver Support Coordinators (WSCs) in this regard. APD is issuing this WSC Advisory to distribute an APD approved and recommended Personal Disaster Plan format so that in the event of an emergency proper steps are in place, and up-to-date information is gathered to make good decisions and provide a safe environment for individuals.

APD recommends developing a disaster plan for each of the individuals you serve. The attached Personal Disaster Plan is a suggested format developed with input from WSCs who attended the 2017 WSC Statewide Conference. This plan was developed for people who live in the family home, supported living environment, and people who live in a licensed residential facility. This plan does not supersede or take the place of the group home disaster plan.

Please take time to review each section of the suggested personal disaster plan with the individuals you serve. Each section indicates steps that should be taken, or decisions that might need to be made in the event of an emergency, whether the person stays in their home, evacuates, or goes to a shelter or medical facility for safety. The suggested personal disaster plan also provides a link to county emergency management websites and identifies items that should be included in a "Go Kit."

As always, if there is an immediate health and safety concern, the WSC must contact the APD Regional office immediately.

Thank you again for your continued commitment to helping individuals stay safe during an emergency!