

ASPR Division for At-Risk Individuals, Behavioral Health, and Community Resilience

The Division for At-Risk Individuals, Behavioral Health & Community Resilience (ABC) provides subject matter expertise, education, and coordination to internal and external partners to ensure that the functional needs of at-risk individuals and behavioral health issues are integrated in the public health and medical emergency preparedness, response, and recovery activities of the nation to facilitate and promote community resilience and national health security. ABC convenes stakeholders and develops preparedness policy and resources, implements the [HHS Disaster Behavioral Health Concept of Operations](#) to facilitate effective disaster behavioral health response and recovery, and sponsors the interagency Federal Disaster Behavioral Health Group that meets during times of emergency or disaster to identify needs and address behavioral health issues.

At-Risk Individuals - At-risk individuals are people with access and functional needs that may interfere with their ability to access or receive medical care before, during, or after a disaster or emergency. Irrespective of specific diagnosis, status, or label, the term “access and functional needs” is a broad set of common, crosscutting, access, and function-based needs. For further information, tools and resources for those serving at-risk individuals visit: <http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/atrisk.aspx>

Behavioral Health - Disaster behavioral health is the provision of mental health, substance abuse, and stress management services to disaster survivors and responders. Following an emergency event it is common for individuals and families, as well as disaster responders, to experience distress and anxiety about safety, health, and recovery. For further information, tools and resources on disaster behavior health visit: <http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/default.aspx>

ABC Resource Library - The ABC resource library contains an extensive list of valuable resources, tools and information Find fact to help partners better meet the needs of at-risk individuals and support behavioral health and community resilience before, during and after a disaster. Visit: <http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/resources.aspx>

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