



Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning (CIEP)

Jim House, CIEP Disability Integration Manager
Washington State Independent Living Council (WASILC)

Todd Holloway, Advocate
Center for Independence (CFI) Lakewood, WA

Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference
May 3, 2023

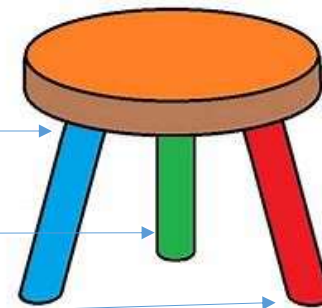
CIEP History

- A statewide disability advisory group that provides technical advice on inclusive emergency planning.
- Creating partnerships that work for a more effective quality planning, response, and recovery.
- Funded through a federal grant from DOH; Grant first began in July 2015. Now in 8th year.

Inclusive Planning

3 Pillars of Accessibility:

- Effective Communication Access
- Programmatic Access
- Physical Access



Like a 3-legged stool, each pillar supports the other pillars

Defining Access and Functional Needs

What are access & functional needs?

Resources, services or supports that allow a person to maintain their independence and thrive in their environment. So essentially moving away from that medical model and just thinking about access of functional needs in terms of ensuring that everybody has the same access as anyone else.

What are access barriers?

Access barriers are any environmental, programmatic or physical obstacles that prevent people with access and functional needs from participating in or receiving services or resources available to everyone.

Using the Whole Community Approach

CMIST Framework





Who has Access and Functional Needs?

Examples of individuals with access and functional needs include, but not limited to individuals who:

- use sign language or assistive communication devices
- use wheelchairs or other mobility aids
- are blind or have low vision
- use service animals
- have cognitive disabilities



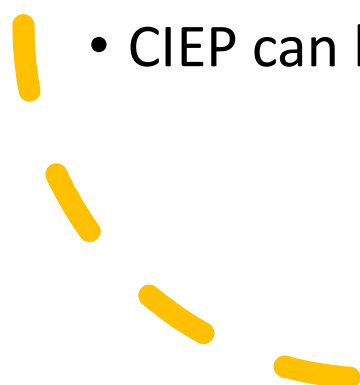
Who else has Access and Functional Needs?

- **More examples of individuals with access and functional needs include, but not limited to individuals who:**
- have limited English proficiency
- are women in late-stage pregnancy
- rely on public transportation
- are unsheltered individuals



People with Disabilities are Subject Matter Experts

- Knowledge of resources and supports (service vs advocacy)
- Include people with various disabilities as contributors and collaborators
- Qualified advisors who can think through issues from disability, access and functional needs, and universal design perspectives.
- CIEP can help make connections



Why Inclusion of People with Disabilities?

Planning for and not with people with disabilities reflects an old paradigm “a lot about us without us.”

Today it is

“Nothing about us without us!”





2023 AFN Priorities

- **ASL Access to Emergency Information**
 - **Interpreter Credentialing**
 - **Educational ASL videos**
 - **Emergency Notification Protocol**
- **Outdoor Warning sirens**
 - **For Tsunami or Lahar events**
 - **Tiny light hard to see on sunny day**
- **NOAA Weather Radios for coastal residents**



More AFN Priorities

- **CIEP Tabletop Exercise**
 - **After Action Report and Improvement Plan**
- **Statewide Functional Assessment Support Team (FAST)**
 - **Pierce County model**
- **AFN Training Course**
 - **Integrating AFN in Emergency Management**

2023 AFN Tour

- When - March 27-30

- Where

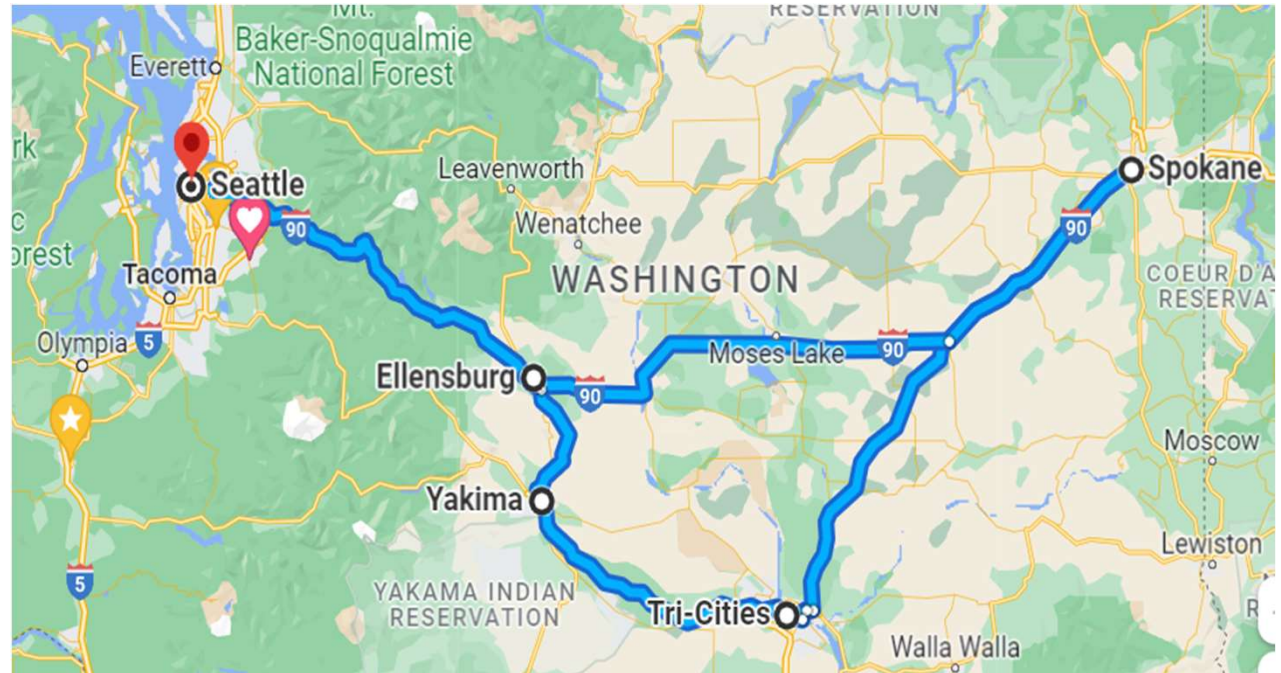
- Ellensburg
- Yakima
- Tri-Cities
- Spokane

- Who

- EMD – Tracey Singh
- CIEP – Jim House, Todd Holloway
- FEMA Region 10 – Danielle Bailey

- Why

- Introduce Tracy Singh to local disability / deaf agencies & emergency management
- Discuss AFN concerns on the local level and engage with CIEP



A photograph of a flooded rural area. In the foreground, a dark asphalt road is partially submerged. A white wooden fence runs across the middle ground, with water reaching up to its top rails. Several bare, leafless trees stand in the water. In the background, a line of evergreen trees is visible under a cloudy sky. A semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

Town Hall Discussion

- What has worked for you?
- What has not worked?
- How to connect with the AFN network?

Individual Preparedness Resources

Washington State Disability-Led Advocacy Partners & Resources:

Center for Independence: Lakewood, Marysville

<http://www.cfi-wa.org/>

Central Washington Disability Rights: Ellensburg

<http://mycwdr.org>

DeafBlind Service Center: Statewide

<http://seattledbsc.org>

Disability Empowerment Center: Seattle, Redmond, Auburn

<https://www.disabilityempowerment.org/>

Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center: Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham

<http://www.hsdh.org>

Inland NW Disability Experience: Spokane

<https://dacnw.org/contact/index/>

Washington Advocates of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Vancouver,

Yakima, Richland, Spokane <https://www.wadhh.org/>

Contact Information

Join CIEP Today



- Jim House, Disability Integration Manager
- Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning (CIEP)
- Washington State Independent Living Council (WASILC)
- Email: Jim.House@dshs.wa.gov or Text: (360) 338-5114
- URL: [Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning \(CIEP\) \(wasilc.org\)](http://wasilc.org)
- Monthly Zoom Meetings on first Wednesday at 10-11am
- Quarterly CIEP ALERT Newsletters and other announcements
 - Todd Holloway: toddh@cfisouth.org