

Disaster and Emergency Preparedness for Older Adults in Alberta



Description

This project aims to increase community resilience and improve disaster and emergency preparedness for vulnerable older adults and their caregivers so they are better able to respond to disasters and emergencies, including older adults that go missing. Engaging with multi-disciplinary community networks, this project will utilize existing structures, resources, and platforms to co-develop collaborative, local practices. Through the development of a province-wide community of practice on the [CORE Alberta](#) platform, existing work at provincial, federal and international levels will be leveraged, and duplication reduced.

Outcomes

- Older adults, their caregivers and communities in Alberta are better prepared for emergencies and disasters.
- A community of practice exists on the CORE Alberta platform focused on disaster and emergency preparedness for older adults and their caregivers.
- Existing and new local, collaborative community networks are focused on building awareness and understanding around the unique needs of vulnerable older adults and their caregivers when preparing for and managing disasters and emergencies.

Key Activities

- Build an Advisory Committee to guide and direct the project
- Survey CORE Alberta members on their interest and the needs of communities and service providers related to disasters and emergency preparedness for vulnerable older adults and caregivers
- Build a disaster and emergency preparedness community of practice on CORE Alberta with shared resources.
- Collaborate with Alberta immigrant servicing agencies to translate the [Missing Older Adult Resource Guide](#) into the most used languages in Alberta and disseminate
- Build capacity in local communities to offer E-Prep to older adults and their caregivers

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