

READY FOR CRISIS

HEALTH EMERGENCIES AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Dear Care Givers.

Emergency Preparedness is something that is easily put off for another day. When an emergency does hit, however, it is too late to start planning. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in the United States, it was discovered that a large portion of those who were killed, injured, and endured suffering were people who had disabilities. This has inspired governments worldwide, including the Canadian government, to focus Emergency Preparedness Training on people who have disabilities as well as their support staff.

In my Emergency Preparedness training, I was surprised to learn that we are all expected to be self-sufficient for 72 hours in the event of an emergency. Police, firefighters, search and rescue workers and other emergency personnel will be far too busy to help all but those whose lives are in imminent danger.

I would like to invite you to a free workshop on Emergency Preparedness hosted by **Volunteer Yukon** and **Yukon Council on Disability**. The event will take place **March 22, 2011** from **10am to 3pm** at the **Yukon Association for Community Living** office (4th Avenue-across the street from McDonald's). Lunch will be provided. This workshop will focus on organizations' 'continuity of service' and 'individual preparedness' for people who have disabilities.

Feel free to share this invitation with others, but keep in mind that space is limited to 20 participants, and this workshop is geared toward caregivers and administrators who have the ability to put in place Emergency Plans and equipment where people who have disabilities live.

For more on Emergency Preparedness for people who have disabilities, please check out www.readyforcrisis.ca

If you would like to register, just reply to this email with your name, your position, and the name of your organization.

Hope to see you there.

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