



City of Middletown Health Department (CMHD) spotlight on **Community Preparedness**

At the CMHD, we have made it our goal to include everyone in our community. Some members of our community may need more assistance with preparing, responding, and recovering from emergencies. We describe this group as having **Access and Functional Needs** (AFN). The following are people who may be considered as AFN:

- Under the age of 18
- Pregnant
- Elderly
- Non-English speaking
- Disabled
- Have low independence
- Have low literacy
- Have chronic medical conditions
- Transportation disadvantaged
- Unhoused



In all plans, we have procedures that help to:

- Contact and send important information to AFN populations
- Provide transportation
- Provide translation services
- Provide temporary use of assistive technology
- Provide expedited service
- Train all emergency responders on how to work with AFN populations
- Ensure accessible shelters, centers, and other locations



The CMHD will continue to strengthen community relationships so that we can ensure our whole community is prepared! **If you have any suggestions for us on how to better serve our community, especially AFN populations, please let us know!**