



North Bay Regional Center

Emergency Management

June 2021

- ▶ DDS funded the position for each Regional Center

December 2021

- ▶ Hired as NBRC Emergency Management and Facilities Coordinator



North Bay
Regional Center



2022

- ▶ Consolidated disaster preparedness responsibilities
- ▶ Revamped Safety Committee
- ▶ Completed Active Shooter Train the Trainer Certification
- ▶ Distributed over 5,000 Covid tests to community vendors
- ▶ Distributed PPE To vendors
- ▶ Provided Safety Training for new employees



2022 (continued)

- ▶ Participated in DDS/ARCA Emergency Management Conference
- ▶ Worked on introducing myself to local community agencies
- ▶ Emergency Preparedness to Sonoma County School District
- ▶ Initiated monthly agency resource bulletins
- ▶ Fire Incidents:
 - ▶ Napa : 1
 - ▶ Solano: 3
 - ▶ Sonoma: 2



2023

- ▶ DDS Battery Program - Assess 36 Power Dependent clients and provided 34/36 batteries
- ▶ DDS Go Kit Program provided 394/894 to eligible clients that live in High Fire Threat areas in our catchment areas
- ▶ Continue with Agency Bulletins and published DDS Emergency Preparedness Bulletins
- ▶ Agency news emails during weather changes
- ▶ Safety Trainings Provided:
 - ▶ New Employee Orientation and Client Information
 - ▶ Vendor Trainings with Quality Assurance
 - ▶ Safety for Workers
 - ▶ Active Shooter
 - ▶ Training to Senior Companion group
 - ▶ Emergency Preparedness across Regional Centers
 - ▶ Group Home training with American Red Cross

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Emergency Preparedness Initiatives	Feeling Safe, Being Safe Material	Deaf Individuals Resources
Emergency Preparedness Bulletins	Other Resources	
Excessive Heat and Heat-Related Illness		
Winter Weather Safety		
Summer Edition		
Fall Edition		



SAFETY BULLETIN



APRIL 2022

Emergency Preparedness

Attached are resources that can help yourself, clients and the community with thinking about emergencies and the necessary steps needed to be ready if an emergency occurs.

- ▶ Get Alerts
- ▶ Emergency Contact Worksheet – who needs to be contacted in case of emergency
- ▶ Evacuation Planning for Individuals with special needs and Older Adults
- ▶ Red Cross- how to create your own emergency plan – something you can share with family members and Homes/ ILS / SLS services to support our clients.
- ▶ Disaster ready Guide from LISTOS- one booklet with all you need to have

All the resources are in English and Spanish, if you need in a different language please contact Maria Marino

▶ Ready.gov also has the following Tips based on topics:

- For Seniors <https://www.ready.gov/seniors>
- For Individuals with Disabilities <https://www.ready.gov/disability>
- For Pets: <https://www.ready.gov/pets>

2023 (continued)

- ▶ Participated in 38 trainings from California Office of Emergency Services
- ▶ Participated in County Agency meetings and Department Health meetings across our counties
- ▶ Participated in DDS/ARCA Emergency Management Conference
- ▶ Continue Safety Committee
- ▶ Tested Satellite Phones
- ▶ Incidents:
 - ▶ Napa: 2
 - ▶ Solano: 1
 - ▶ Sonoma: 0

DDS Department of Developmental Services

Consumers Services Regional Centers Vendors

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2024

- ▶ Completed Emergency Specialist Certification from CAL OES
- ▶ Provided 75 Handy Talkers to clients with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist
- ▶ Emergency Operation Plan Completed
- ▶ Agency news emails during weather changes
- ▶ Publish DDS Emergency Preparedness Bulletins
- ▶ DDS Battery Program - provided 2 remaining batteries to clients
- ▶ DDS Go Kit Program provided 825/894 to eligible clients that live in High Fire Threat areas in our catchment areas
- ▶ Participated in County Agency meetings and Department Health meetings across our counties
- ▶ Participated in DDS/ARCA Emergency Management Conference



NBRC Emergency Operation Plan

2024 (continued)

- ▶ Tested Satellite Phones
- ▶ Continue Safety Committee
- ▶ Safety Trainings Provided:
 - ▶ New Employee Orientation and Client Information
 - ▶ Vendor Trainings and Client Trainings with Quality Assurance
 - ▶ Safety for Workers
 - ▶ Active Shooter
 - ▶ Emergency Preparedness across Regional Center
 - ▶ Emergency Operations Plan and Work Violence Prevention Plan Training to Employees
 - ▶ Emergency Operation Plan Threats
- ▶ Incidents:
 - ▶ Napa: 2
 - ▶ Solano: 6
 - ▶ Sonoma: 8



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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

We will begin the training shortly

NBRC Emergency Operation Plan

Created Emergency Operation Plan

The purpose of this Plan is to:

- ▶ Prepare the NBRC staff to respond quickly and safely in the event of an emergency or disaster
- ▶ Ensure vital services and supports to people with developmental disabilities are protected and continued during emergency and disaster events.

Provides guidance on steps to conduct before, during and after emergencies



2025 and Beyond

- ▶ Test our messaging system for employees, clients and vendors through Everbridge (Mass Notification)
- ▶ Continue to provide trainings to employees, clients, vendors and families
- ▶ Plan and execute evacuation drills for all 3 NBRC locations
- ▶ Partner with 2-1-1 to provide trainings on Emergency Preparedness and Medical Baseline Program
- ▶ Work on DDS initiatives
- ▶ Provide vendors with support working on their emergency plans
- ▶ Continue partnership with community agencies to support people we serve and families

Questions?

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