



October 4-6, 2006  
Albuquerque Convention Center

**SPECIAL EMPHASIS PANELS  
AND SPECIAL EVENTS  
ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

**Over the three days of the 2006 Southwest Conference on Disability, numerous sessions and other special events will be devoted to the topic of including the needs and priorities of people with disabilities in disaster preparedness and emergency response for people with disabilities. Please join us!**

## **Research To Practice Sessions: Lessons Learned**

Over the three days of the 2006 Southwest Conference on Disability, seven sessions “lessons learned” sessions based on state-of-the-art research on the impact of the 2005 hurricane season on people with disabilities in the Gulf Coast states will be offered.

**Lessons Learned From Hurricane Season 2005:  
A Four-Part Presentation by the Disability Law Resource Project, Houston, Texas**  
*Jacquie Brennan, Yavonka Archaga and Christy G. Dunaway*

***Wednesday***

**Prepare for the Worst: Disaster Preparation for Individuals with Disabilities**  
10:45 - AM - Noon

**Prepare for the Worst: Disaster Preparation for State and Local Governments**  
2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

**Disaster Recovery: Disability-Related Lessons from the Storms**  
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

***Thursday***

**Prepare for the Worst: Disaster Preparation for Employers**  
8:30 AM - 9:45 AM  
(Poster Session)

**Thursday, 4:15 - 5:30 PM:**

**Assessing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Persons with Disabilities:  
Lessons from the Front**

Glen White, Michael Fox and Cat Rooney,  
University of Kansas Research and Training Center on Independent Living

**Thursday, 10:00 - 11:15 AM**

**Applying Disaster Lessons Documented and Moving Beyond Special Needs**

June Isaacson Kailes  
Center for Disability Issues and the Health Professions

**Friday, 9:15 - 10:30 AM**

**Disaster Response and Recovery and Individuals with Cognitive Disabilities**

Laura Stough, Amy Sharp and Mary Sondgeroth  
University Center on Disability, Texas A&M University

## **Special Session: Emergency Preparedness for People With Disabilities In New Mexico Five Years later: What Have We Done and What Still Needs to be Done?**

On Friday morning at 10:45 AM, a special session featuring senior staff of emergency management and disability organizations will present the results of the statewide assessment now being finished on progress made in New Mexico since the statewide *Task Force on Emergency Preparedness and People with Disabilities* issued its initial report in 2004.

This session will also serve as the kick-off meeting for the **New Mexico State Task Force on People With Disabilities and Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response** being formed by the Office of Emergency Management, the Office of Health Emergency Management in the Department of Health, the Center for Development and Disability and the Governor's Commission on Disability.

***Come and give us your recommendations on what needs to be done in New Mexico in the next one to three years on this important topic!***

### **Informal "Talk-Back" Session on What's Happening on the National Scene - *Sponsored by the National Consortium on Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response for People With Disabilities***

From 1:00 - 2:00 on Wednesday, representatives of the National Consortium - founded by academic and policy disability organizations around the country - will sponsor an informal session at which participants can discuss what's happening in this area on the national level, including the implications of the National Plan Review for people with disabilities, programs and reports by organizations including the American Association on Health and Disability, the National Organization on Disability, the National Council on Disability and others.

The Consortium will also be sponsoring a booth in the exhibit hall with materials from organizations around the country.

***Come and get connected with current happenings on the national level!***

#### **For More Information**

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