

Clear Path Forward to Emergency Preparedness: Roles, Responsibilities and Actions for AAAs

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Objectives:

- **Emergency Preparedness & Response:**
 - Describe coordination efforts from federal, tribal, state, local and non-profit organizations
 - Importance of data to support emergency preparation and response
 - Action steps are needed in creating emergency preparedness plan
 - Access to resources

Requirements of the Older Americans Act



Disaster Preparedness

STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

State plan shall include information on how the State Unit on Aging (SUA) will coordinate activities/ develop long range emergency preparedness plans with:

- AAAs, local emergency response agencies, relief organizations, local governments, state agencies responsible for emergency preparedness. 307(a)(28)
- other institutions that have responsibility for disaster service delivery. 307(a)(28)



Disaster Preparedness- State Plan Requirements

State plan shall describe the involvement of the head of the SUA in the development, revision, and implementation of:

- Emergency Preparedness Plans 307(a)(29)
- State public health emergency preparedness and response plan. 307(a)(29)



Disaster Preparedness- Area Plan Requirements

AAA will coordinate activities / develop long-range emergency preparedness plans with:

- local and state emergency response agencies,
 - relief organizations,
 - local and state governments, and
 - any other institutions that have responsibility for disaster relief service delivery.
- 306(a)(17)

An AAA, in cooperation with government officials, state agencies, tribal organizations, or local entities, may:

- make recommendations to government officials in the PSA and the state, to build the capacity in the PSA to meet the needs of older individuals for emergency preparedness. 306(b)(3)(J)



2024 Regulations

- **Overview:** Creates a new subpart (Part 1321 Subpart E — Emergency and Disaster Requirements)
- **Key provisions of the proposed rule include:**
 - Requires SUAs & AAAs to establish emergency plans.
 - Have policies & procedures in place for coordination with local emergency management, Tribes & Title VI programs
 - Flexibilities for addressing emergency preparedness and response – at § 1321.99 and § 1321.101.
 - Creates a new subpart (Part 1322 Subpart D — Emergency and Disaster Requirements), for Title VI programs

The WHAT & WHY

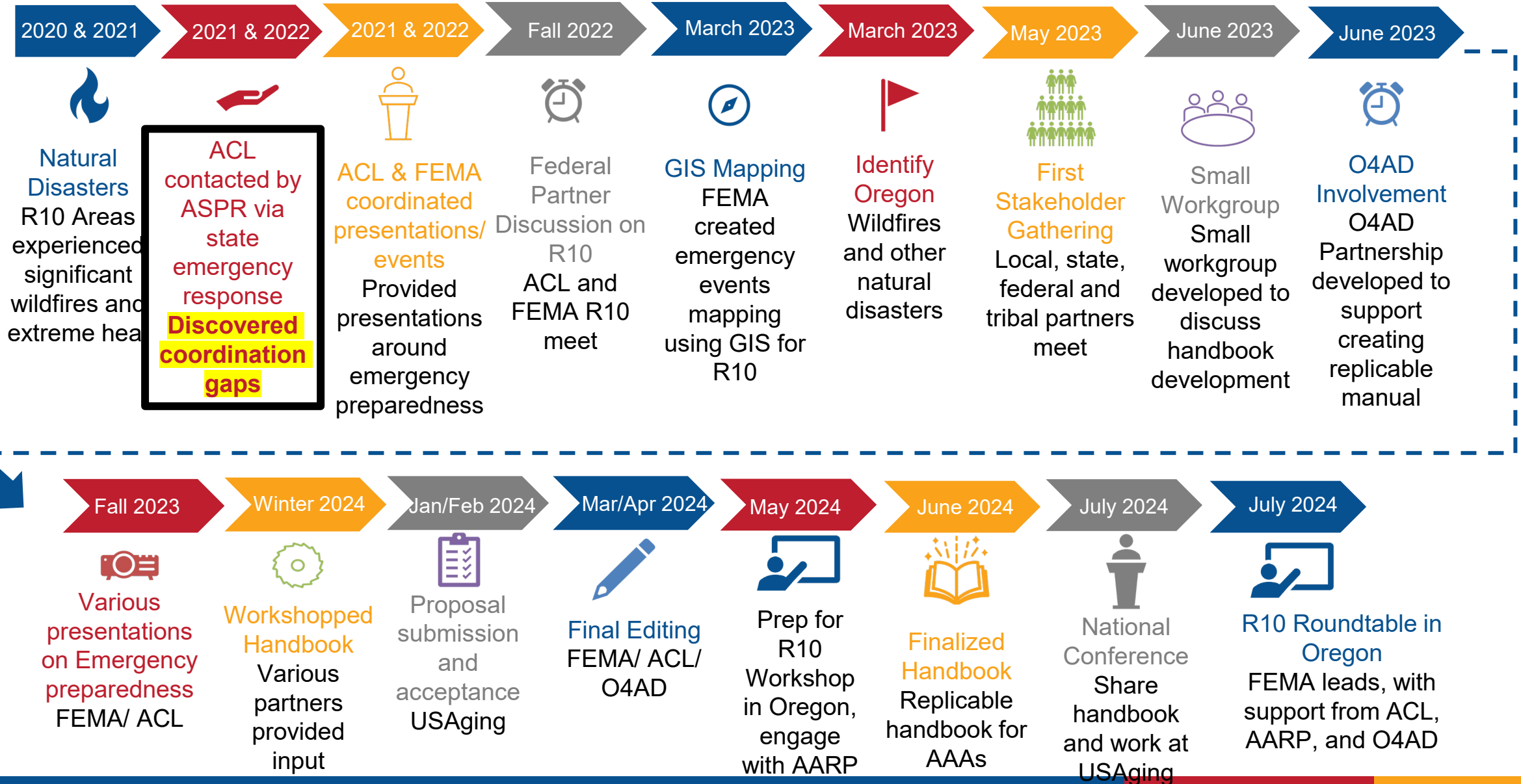
Overview of AAA structure in Oregon and recollection of recent events/disasters

Recent Events in Oregon...





Timeline: What & Why





Activities

Participants appreciated the coordination of two federal agencies

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- Aging Services Program Specialist
- Region 10 Regional Administrator

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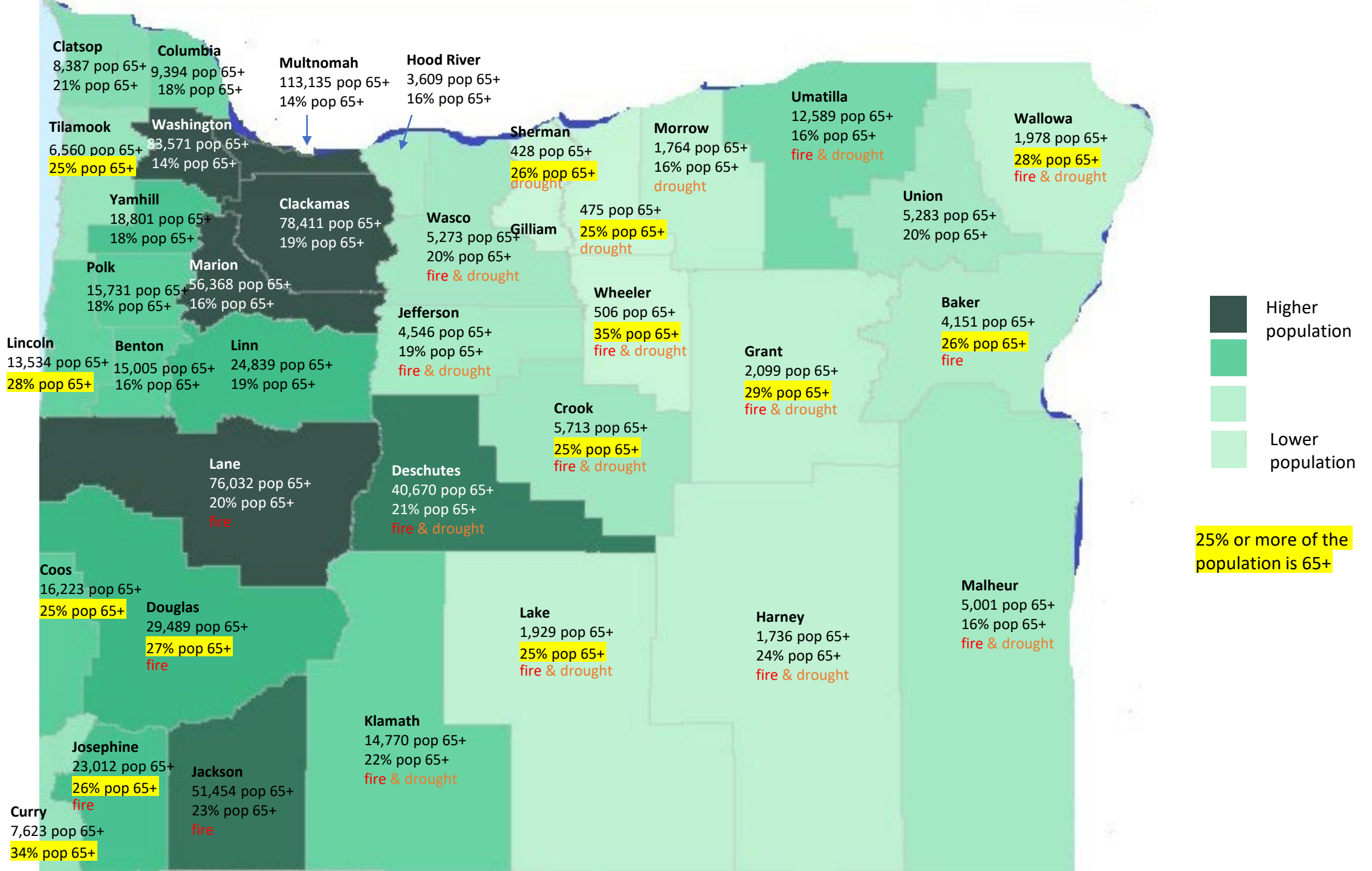
- Community Preparedness Officer
 - Regional Disability Integration Specialist
 - Contractor
- Time was spent gathering information in meetings and informally to learn about challenges and needs
 - Included expertise of Area Agency staff that responded to wildfires and other emergencies

Use of Data

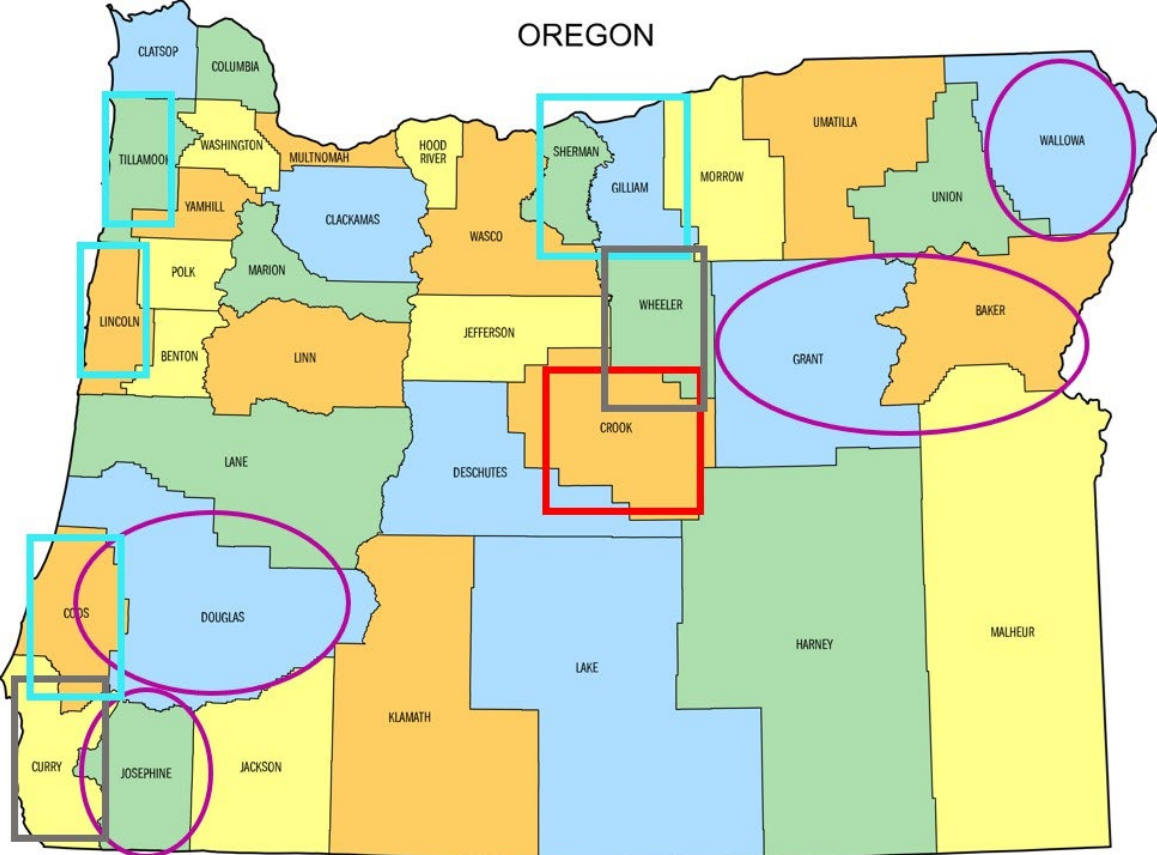


Use of Data

- Oregon experience led to ongoing meetings between ACL & FEMA
 - Desire to Coordinate at the federal, state and local level
 - Desire to use data to inform next steps –
 - FEMA was able to put together county level maps:
 - Counties with 25% or higher of older adults + fire risk
 - Counties with 30% of older adults
 - Counties with 25-30% of older adults



Older Adults in Oregon with wildfire hazard & tsunami risk



Key

3 coastal counties have 25-28% of 65+ in their county; 1 (Curry) has 36%

These 5 counties have higher fire risk & 25% population are 65+:

- County with 25% or higher of seniors plus high fire risk and extreme drought
- Counties with 25% or higher of seniors plus high fire risk
- Counties with 30% or higher of seniors
- Counties with 25-30% seniors

- Josephine
- Douglas
- Grant
- Baker
- Wallowa

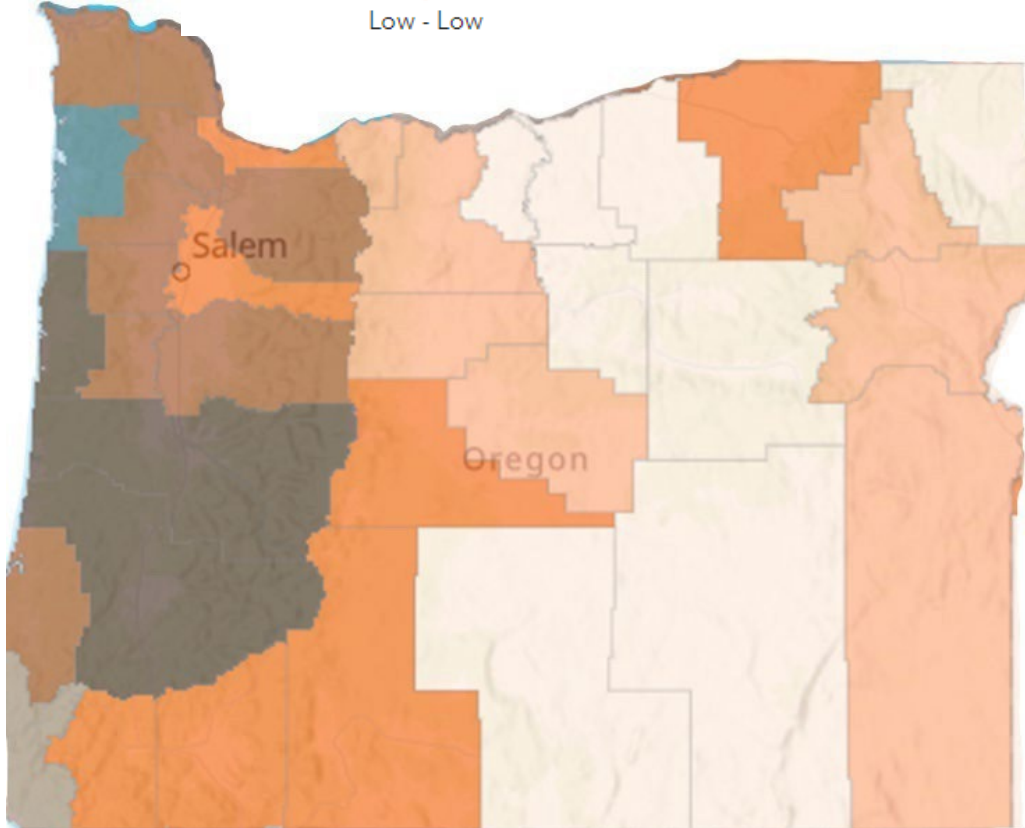
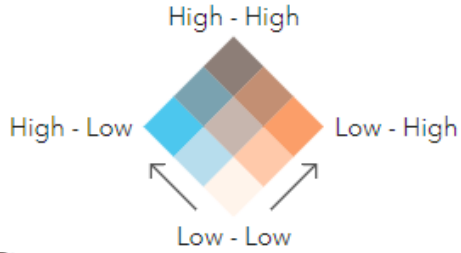


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Major Declared Disasters in R10 intersects with People 65+ years

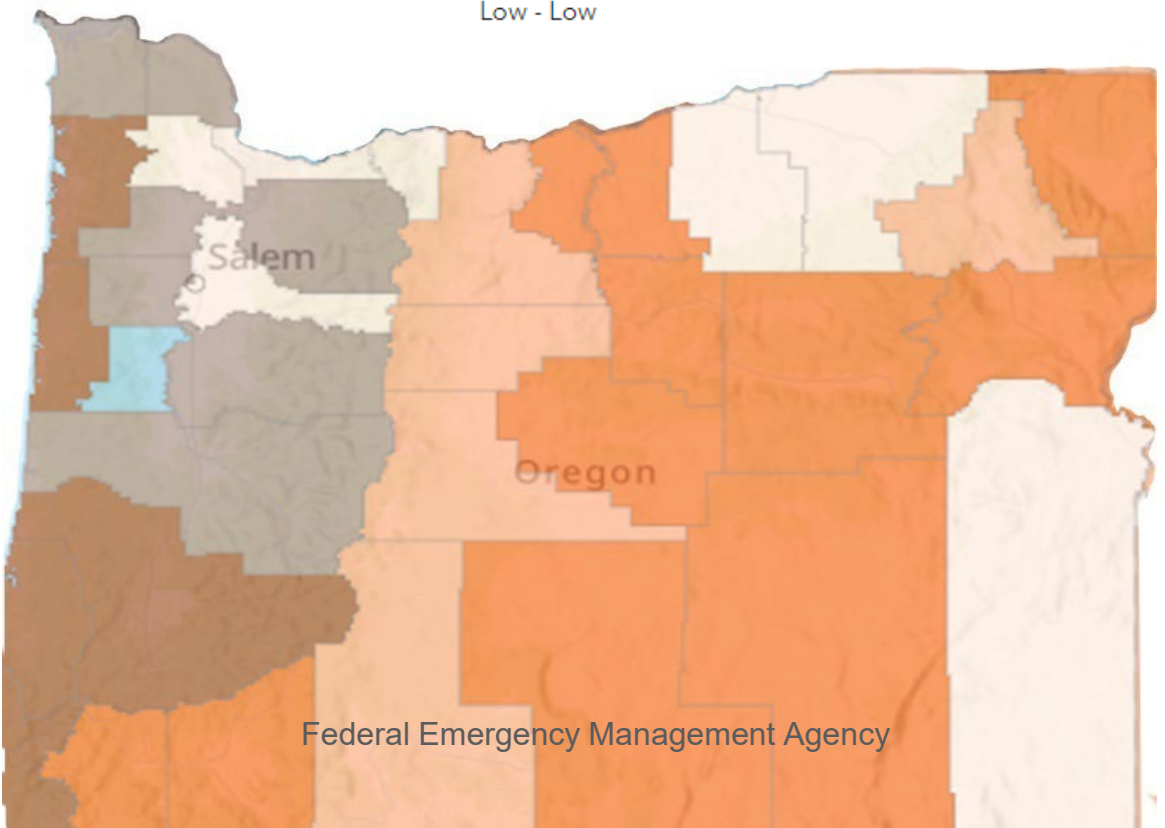
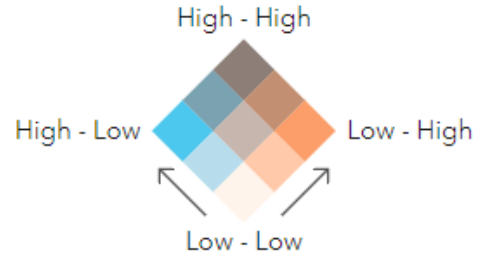
R10 Population Count for 65+

↖ DR Count
↗ Population 65+



R10 Percentage Counts for 65+

↖ DR Count
↗ Population % 65+





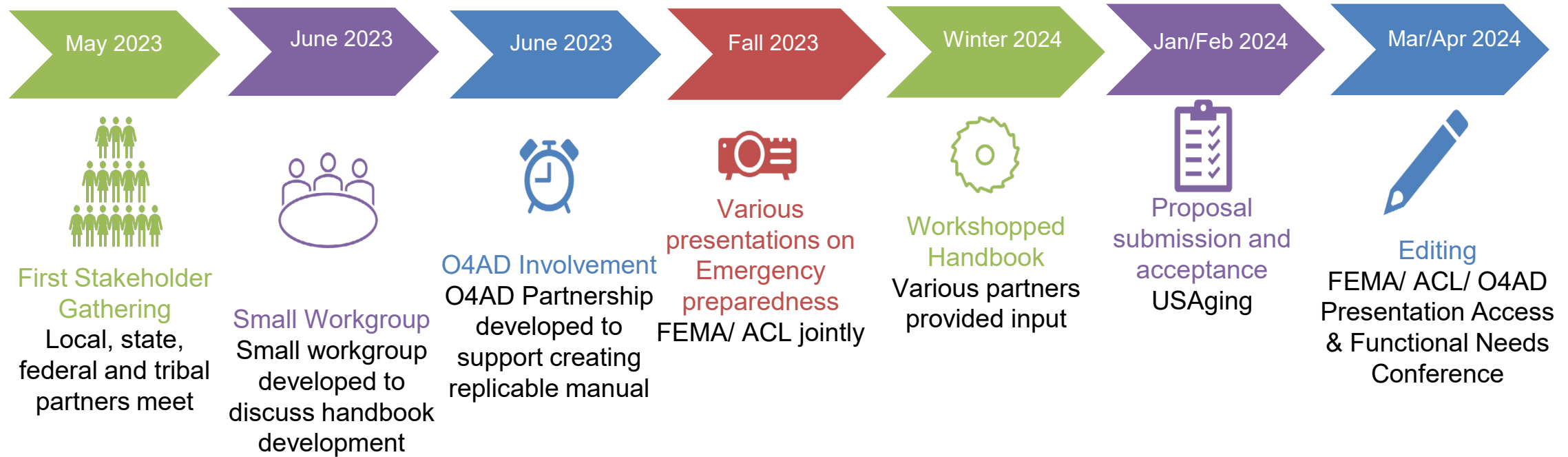
Identified Pressure Points

- **Emergency Preparation & Response Challenges:**
 - Understanding Roles & Responsibilities of all parties
 - Contractual Requirements
 - Information Sharing, including HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)
 - Response during a Presidential Disaster Declaration, Public Health Emergency or local disaster declaration or no formal declaration
 - Preparation, including development of Continuity of Operations Plan

So, given all of that ...



Timeline: Phase 2: Development



Emergency Preparedness Handbook for AAAs in Oregon

Prepared by cross organizational working group:

- Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging (O4AD)
- Local Areas Agencies on Aging (AAA)
- Oregon Department of Human Services: Community Services and Support Unit, Office of Resilience and Emergency Management).
- Region 10 Administration on Community Living (ACL)
- Region 10 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)



Emergency Preparedness Handbook for Oregon Area Agencies on Aging 2024

Prepared by the Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities (O4AD) and partners in coordination with Administration on Community Living (ACL) Region 10, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 10, and the State of Oregon (Oregon Department of Human Services/Office of Resilience and Emergency Management and the Oregon Department of Emergency Management).

Updated 5/24/24



Handbook Topics

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Federal Requirements of AAAs

State Requirements of AAAs

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Glossary



Handbook on O4AD Website:
<http://www.o4ad.org/latest-news.html>



Handbook Objectives

- Provide a general overview of Emergency Management
- Requirements of AAAs
- Emphasis on Coordination and Communication
 - Address concerns about HIPAA when responding to an emergency
- Building blocks to develop a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)
 - Agency Preparedness Checklist
- Resources & Promising Practices

Agency Continuity of Operations (COOP)

- What role will you play in supporting your consumers?
 - How do you choose who you can help if resources are limited?
 - Transfer plans for clients you can't support long-term
- How do you distribute that information and ensure clients have realistic expectations for support?
- Backup power options that are feasible for your agency
- How can you cross-train employees to provide support after disasters?
 - Organizational continuity planning
 - Individual/personal preparedness for staff



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Current and Next Steps to Keep the Momentum Going!

- Spoke on AARP Oregon Teletownhall about preparedness
- Co-hosting Region 10 Preparedness Roundtable in Salem, Oregon focus on Older Adults and Disasters (July 30 - 31, 2024)
 - Listening/learning session with organizations serving older adults and emergency managers with plan for follow-up/next steps
 - Collaborative efforts with R10 ACL, O4AD, AARP Oregon, and other partners



Preparedness Roundtable: Older Adults and Disasters

A day for organizations serving older adults and state, tribal, and federal emergency managers to come together to listen and learn from one another! Older adults are disproportionately impacted by disasters. Join us for this important conversation on how to strengthen preparedness capabilities for older adults and the organizations/services many may rely on before, during, and after disasters.

Target Audience: Organizations serving older adults at varying levels of government and non-government, alongside state, tribal, and federal emergency managers in Region 10 states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Date & Time	Location	To Register
July 30 - 31, 2024 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. PT Day 1 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. PT Day 2 <small>Day 2 is optional for organizations serving older adults to attend.</small>	Salem, Oregon Exact location will be provided upon registration.	To secure your place and receive additional information, please email fema-r10-communityprep@fema.dhs.gov by July 2, 2024.



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Resources: Individual Preparedness

Building a Prepared Home



Create a family communication plan.



Test your evacuation and shelter plans.



Sign up for emergency alert notifications.



Save for emergencies



Safeguard your important documents.



Check your insurance policy.



Keep a stocked emergency supply kit.



Install a backup generator.



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FEMA Disaster Preparedness Guide for Older Adults

- <https://www.ready.gov/older-adults>

GET
PREPARED TODAY
in three
SIMPLE and
straightforward
STEPS!



STEP 1
ASSESS YOUR NEEDS

STEP 2
MAKE A PLAN

STEP 3
ENGAGE YOUR
SUPPORT NETWORK

Assess Your Needs and Be Informed

Know your Risks

- Learn about the types of disasters that can impact you
- Sign up for alerts and warnings

When assessing your needs, consider:

- Medical conditions, dietary requirements
- Mobility challenges or disabilities to plan for (i.e. evacuation)
- Safety and well-being of pet or service animal




Make a Plan

Create a support network of family, friends, caregivers, and others who can assist you during an emergency.

- Discuss medical and/or mobility needs, including routine treatments
- Consider power backup plans
- Don't forget pets or service animals
- Build a Kit with essential supplies (include medications, cash, etc)



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 **Ready** Family Communications Plan
Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations.

Out-of-Town Contact Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____
Email: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.

Name: _____	Social Security Number: _____
Date of Birth: _____	Important Medical Information: _____
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Where to go in an emergency. Write down where your family spends the most time; work, school and other places you frequent. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans.

Home	Work
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____
Neighborhood Meeting Place: _____	Evacuation Location: _____
Regional Meeting Place: _____	_____
School	Work
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____
Evacuation Location: _____	Evacuation Location: _____
School	Other place you frequent:
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____
Evacuation Location: _____	Evacuation Location: _____
School	Other place you frequent:
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____
Evacuation Location: _____	Evacuation Location: _____

Important Information	Name	Telephone #	Policy #
Doctors:			
Other:			
Pharmacists:			
Medical Insurance:			
Homeowners/Rental Insurance:			
Veterinarian/Kennel (for pets):			

Other useful phone numbers: 9-1-1 for emergencies. Police Non-Emergency Phone #: _____

Make a Plan: Important Documents

Have backup copies (tangible and/or digital)

- Government issued photo ID
- Social Security cards, Birth Certificates
- Medical records and immunization records, including for your pet
- Health insurance and life insurance information, health care providers
- Insurance information



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Engage Your Support Network

Create a support network of family, friends, caregivers, and others who can assist you during an emergency.

- Ensure they know they know they are part of your plan
- Practice the plan!

Resources: Community & Organizational Preparedness

Resources

- A variety of resources on preparedness for older adults at www.ready.gov/olderadults
- The [FEMA Disaster Preparedness Guide for Older Adults \(ready.gov\)](http://www.ready.gov/olderadults) provides recommendations for how to engage your family, friends, caregivers, neighbors, fellow congregants from your place of worship, and other who can assist you during an emergency.



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Resources, Continued

- Previously Recorded Region 10 Webinars on Preparedness for Older Adults and for organizations serving older adults:
 - [Services & Resources for Older Adults \(9/12/23\)](#)
 - [Preparedness at Home for Older Adults Webinar - 06/22/21 – YouTube](#)
 - [Social Support Networks for Older Adults Webinar - 06/24/21 – YouTube](#)
 - [Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs \(OPEN\) for Senior Care Providers_ \(AdobeConnect\)](#)



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September is National Preparedness Month (NPM)!

2024 NPM focus is on Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Island Communities.

October is the National ShakeOut Earthquake Drill

October 17 at 10:17 a.m. (your time zone)

Check out [Ready 2024 Calendar](#) for preparedness themes and reach out to your local, state, and/or federal emergency manager for opportunities to collaborate

<p>JAN</p>  <p>Resolve To Be Ready #WinterReady</p>	<p>FEB</p>  <p>National Canned Food Month #WinterReady Valentine's Day</p>	<p>MAR</p>  <p>"It's Not Luck" Campaign Spring and Flood Safety National Tsunami Awareness Week</p>
<p>APR</p>  <p>National Financial Capability Month Severe Weather Safety #SafePlaceSelfie Day</p>	<p>MAY</p>  <p>National Wildfire Awareness Month National Hurricane Preparedness Week Don't Fry Day</p>	<p>JUN</p>  <p>Pet Preparedness Month #SummerReady National Lightning Safety Awareness Week</p>
<p>JUL</p>  <p>Fireworks Safety #SummerReady</p>	<p>AUG</p>  <p>Back to School - Children & Youth Preparedness #SummerReady International Overdose Awareness Day</p>	<p>SEP</p>  <p>National Preparedness Month</p>
<p>OCT</p>  <p>Cybersecurity Awareness Month National Fire Prevention Week Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills</p>	<p>NOV</p>  <p>Thanksgiving Cooking Safety Holiday Online Shopping Safety #WinterReady</p>	<p>DEC</p>  <p>Resolve To Be Ready National Influenza Vaccination Week #WinterReady Holiday Fire Safety Holiday Online Shopping Safety National App Day</p>



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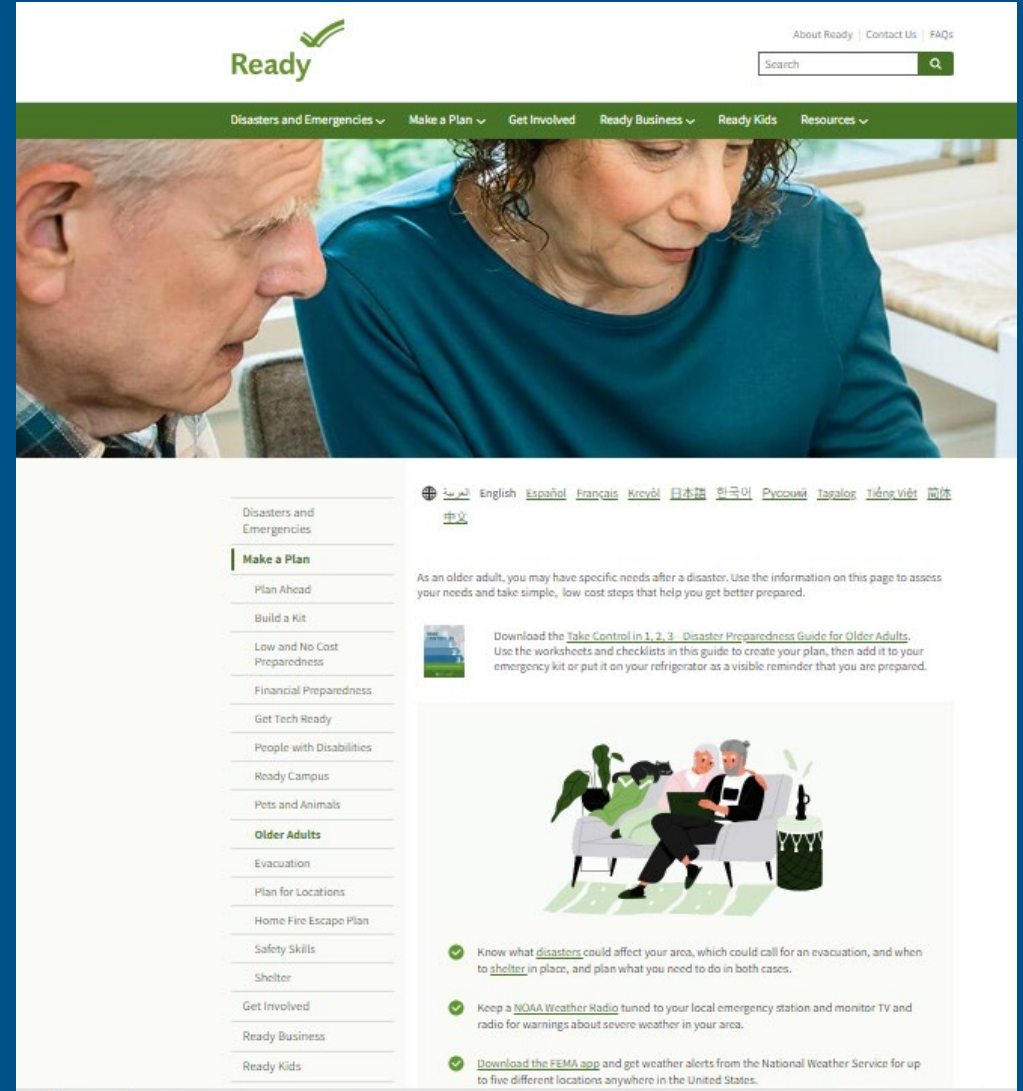
[FEMA and Ready Campaign Preparing Older Adults](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



https://youtu.be/yi3PixUr5_8

Resources on Ready.gov

- <https://www.ready.gov/older-adults>



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