

PWUAAC in Emergencies and Disasters: Tales from the Trenches

Presented by

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7:00-8:00 pm EDT**

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS:

Amy has been involved in AT and emergency preparedness since Hurricane Katrina, when she led efforts to respond to the needs of people who lost AT as a result of that disaster. Amy is past chair of ASHA SIG 12 and a member of the National Joint Committee on the Communication Needs of Persons with Severe Disabilities. She is currently USSAAC's VP of finance and serves on its Disaster Relief committee.

Sarah is USSAAC's Past President and co-chair of its Disaster Relief and Recovery Committee. She spearheaded USSAAC's efforts after Hurricane Katrina, works with first responders and emergency service workers, founding Monterey's county's Community Emergency Response Volunteers, a non-profit organization in 2012 and co-authored chapter on disaster preparedness, highlighting key issues impacting people with communication vulnerabilities. She serves on NIH's Institute on Hearing and Communication Disorders.

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION:

This seminar reflects on the experiences of people who use AAC and their families affected by the 2017 natural disasters, and USSAAC's efforts to assist them in recovery. Responsibilities of providers to assist PWUAAC in thinking about emergency preparedness will be reviewed. Based on lessons learned, suggestions for personal preparedness and resources will be provided.

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MODERATED BY: Liz Begley

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

- Describe three challenges faced by people who use AAC in an emergency or disaster, e.g. whether sheltering in place, evacuating, or moving to a mass shelter.
- Name three actions people with disabilities can take to be personally prepared for emergency or disaster
- List 2 resources for emergency-related vocabulary, including downloadable resources and apps

TIME ORDERED AGENDA:

- 5 minutes: Introduction of Speaker, USSAAC and Topic
- 30 minutes: Stories of survivors of 2017 disasters, the challenges in the immediate aftermath and longer-term recovery
- 5 minutes: Ethical and professional responsibilities of providers
- 10 minutes: Tips for personal preparedness for all
- 5 minutes: Resources for learning more
- 5 minutes: Q and A

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