

# ENHANCING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AMONG VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY AGENCIES

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## PROJECT GOALS

Determine which vulnerable population(s) to focus on.

Determine agencies and programs with direct contact with the vulnerable population.

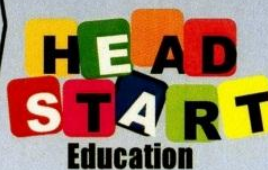
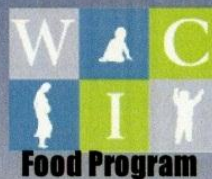
Obtain organizational commitment

Assure partner agencies are prepared for project

Enhance ability of existing service providers to offer disaster preparedness education during routine client contacts.

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Project Staff provided preparedness training & disaster kits to community agency staff  
(45 minutes each)



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Agency staff provided preparedness training & disaster kits to clients during routine encounters  
(10 minutes each)

2,000

Individuals least likely to be prepared for a disaster trained and in possession of a 3 day, 4 person disaster kit with instructions to tailor kit to family needs



Project toolkit is available at: [co.thurston.wa.us/health](http://co.thurston.wa.us/health)