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Special Needs Shelters

- This Should Not Be First Option
 - Requires Registration
 - Medically Fragile
 - Oxygen Dependent
 - Dialysis
- Inhabiting Collectors - Other Invasive Procedures
 - 60 sq. ft./ Person
 - Expectations



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Sheltering Alternatives



- When NOT in an Evacuation Zone
- Use of Host Home Approach - Preferred
- Combine Resources
- Improved Level of Supervision/Response
- Better Environment
- Place of Service Flexibility

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Evacuation Issues



- Time: Upwards of 20 hours to leave the state
- Gas: Average transaction \$10
- 3 million not in evacuation zones
- Lack of Hotels: Led to overuse of shelters
- Where is it exactly you are going?

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Your Personal and Family Disaster Plan

Create and practice a disaster plan, so your family will know what to do in a crisis.

Create Your Emergency Plan in Just 3 Steps

1. With your family or household members, discuss how to prepare and respond to the types of emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work, and play.
2. Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and how you will work together as a team.
3. Practice as many elements of your plan as possible.

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Your Personal and Family Disaster Plan, cont.

There are many resources available:

- www.fema.gov
- www.floridadisaster.com/planspecial/disability/
- apd.myflorida.com/news/toolskit.htm

Shelter Plans

- **Plan A: Shelter in Place**
 - Necessary Supplies and Notifications
- **Plan B: Evacuate to an Alternate Location**
 - Friend or Relative
 - Group Home out of Harm's Way
- **Plan C: Evacuate to a Shelter or Medical Facility**

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Get Involved

CERT
• Community Emergency Response Team

SERT
• State Emergency Response Team



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