Consider Housing & Homelessness Before, During, and After Disasters

1 BEFORE

- Include homelessness-system partners in planning.
- Engage people with lived experience.
- Establish trusted communication channels.
- Plan accessible sheltering and transportation.
- Prepare for health, documentation, safety, and accessibility needs.

2 DURING

- Use trusted messengers to share information.
- Communicate shelter, transportation, and service changes.
- Monitor impacts to people living outdoors.
- Watch for shelter, outreach, and provider disruptions.
- Maintain accessibility, privacy, safety, dignity, and secure storage for belongings.

3 AFTER

- Support document, benefit, and medication recovery.
- Identify continuing displacement and housing instability.
- Connect households with accessible recovery resources.
- Track continuing housing, service, health, and recovery needs.
- Review who was reached, who was missed, and what should change.

Housing and homelessness considerations should remain visible throughout the full disaster lifecycle.

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