United Way of Lane County's

Emergency Preparedness Training

For Rural Community Organizations

United Way is hosting a 4-part training series for rural organizations in Lane County, with the purpose of equipping communities to be better prepared for natural disasters. This series will be hosted by a regional consultant, Ana-Marie Jones, who specializes in organizational readiness for small and grassroots community groups. By implementing this training as a multi-part series, organizations will have the opportunity to "learn and then do" with each session, learning together as a peer-supported cohort.

Recent emergencies and disasters have highlighted the resource gaps among rural service agencies in Lane County. Many of our county's rural comminutes have limited access routes, and aid has and can be delayed. There may be geographic, financial, or capacity-related barriers to accessing preparedness information and trainings for rural organizations. Additionally, these groups primarily serve community members that face disparities due to factors such as race, age, disability status, and income.

INFORMATION SESSION: Tuesday, March 15 at 12:00 p.m. <u>Zoom: https://bit.ly/3vGZg9H</u> TRAINING SESSIONS: 4 Sessions | April - June Hosted on Zoom

Expectations for organizations: attendance from at least two members within an organization (combination of staff and board members or volunteers) and completion of preparedness activities between each session, approximately 2 hours each.

Topics may include: Communications Planning; Developing an Emergency Operations Plan; Supporting staff during a disaster; Coordinating with local Emergency Management Professionals; Coordinating with other community organizations; Preparedness and resilience for clients and extended community.



How to Join:

To express interest in this series, please fill out the brief form by scanning the code to the right with your smart phone or clicking here: <u>https://bit.ly/3sEHBgU</u>. Due to capacity, we may not be able to accommodate all interested organizations.

With questions, please contact mpenberthy@unitedwaylane.org.



About Ana-Marie Jones:

Ana-Marie Jones is a consultant with over 30 years of experience supporting small, grassroots, non-profit organizations in disaster preparedness. Ana-Marie works to empower organizations through preparedness to establish long-term resilience. Ana-Marie spent 16 years as the Executive Director of CARD - Collaborating Agencies Responding in Disasters, and is a member of the International Women in Emergency Management Hall of Fame.



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