

## Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness: What's my role and responsibility?

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Michelle has over 20 years of experience working in regions of conflict and natural hazard disaster to develop community-led programs and services and re-build opportunities for people with disability (including those with disability acquired by human conflict and natural disaster). She leads research in Australia on Disability-Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DIDRR). [www.collaborating4inclusion.org](http://www.collaborating4inclusion.org)

Michelle was lead investigator the PREPARE NSW project (2017 -18) - a community capacity development project to co-design the Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (PCEP) Toolkit.

The **PCEP (Villeneuve et al., 2018)** is an evidence-based and practice-informed toolkit incorporating instructional videos that:

- **supports people with a disability to be equal partners** in assessing their functional capabilities and support needs in 8 capability areas (communication, management of health, assistive technology, personal support, assistance animals, transportation, living situation, and social connectedness);
- **provides a strengths-based process** for PWD, their family and carers to collaborate with community-based service providers to develop emergency preparedness through targeted actions, and advocacy relevant to their unique support needs; and
- **enables people to have an emergency preparedness plan and communicate that plan** with their support network.

### Webinar

In this interactive webinar, Michelle will:

- explain what the PCEP Toolkit is and why it was developed;
- tell you what her team learned when Field Testing the toolkit with people with disability and their community-based service providers in NSW, Australia; and
- share how providers like you are using it in their practice with clients.

Together, we will exchange information about person-centred care, disability inclusion in mainstream community programs including emergency management. Michelle will also invite your feedback on opportunities (and challenges) to implementing the PCEP in your routine practice with clients.

### Learning Outcomes:

- We hope that this conversation will deepen your thinking about and contributions to person-centred care in your everyday work with people in the community!
- You might come away motivated to make an emergency preparedness plan for yourself and your family.
- You may even be inspired to champion person-centred emergency preparedness in your organisation and community.