## Emergency Preparedness in SF: DAFN and ADF Update

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# Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs (DAFN) Workgroup

- DEM and MOD established the Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs (DAFN)
   Coordination Workgroup in March 2017.
- DAFN is focusing on how it serves the AFN community in:
  - Emergency communications;
  - Emergency transportation;
  - Emergency evacuations; and
  - Emergency sheltering.
- The DAFN Coordination Workgroup meets every other month in January, March, May, July, September and November.
- •Workgroup consists of both CCSF agencies and NGO/CBOs.

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### The DAFN Population

#### Individuals who <u>have</u>:

- Developmental, intellectual, physical or sensory disabilities;
- Chronic conditions or injuries;
- Limited English proficiency or non-English speaking.



- Older adults, children, or pregnant;
- Living in institutional settings;
- Low-income, homeless, and/or transportation disadvantaged; or
- •From diverse cultures.



## 2017 DAFN Workgroup Efforts

- ✓ Emergency Preparedness Final CMS Rule for Medicare and Medicaid providers.
- ✓ Overview of Paratransit Operations
- ✓ Discussion of DAFN lessons learned from significant local emergency events in 2017, including SF extreme heat and North Bay Fires.
- ✓ Mapping of DAFN resources and facilities throughout CCSF.

- ✓ Identification of DAFN demographics by BOS District (DAAS's 2016 Needs Assessment)
- ✓ Increased engagement with DAFN support agencies (e.g. Lighthouse for the Blind).
- ✓ Inclusion of Disability Organizations in emergency preparedness/response training and exercises (e.g., SF Ballpark evacuation, Yellow Command sheltering).

## 2018 – 2020 DAFN Workgroup Efforts

The DAFN Workgroup identified these action items as high priority for 2018-2020:

- Updating processes and procedures for Durable Medical Equipment (DME) access and transport during and following an emergency incident.
- Continued engagement with SF Fire Department, the Department of Building Inspection and others on policies and procedures pertaining to safe and effective DAFN evacuation, especially in multi-story buildings.
- Mapping and sharing of DAFN facilities and resources throughout San Francisco to AFN
  populations, and especially Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Blind and low-vision individuals.
- Implementation of recommendations from the Aging and Disability Friendly Task Force Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Domain.

## San Francisco's Age & Disability Friendly Effort

- A collaborative planning process to ensure an accessible, inclusive San Francisco
- First municipality to incorporate disability

#### Recognizes Global Trends:

- Rapidly aging population
- ➤ Increasingly urban population
- Prioritization of community based living
- Environmental impact on aging



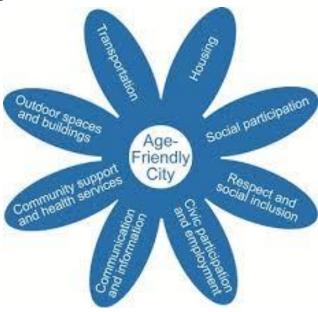
# World Health Organization's "Global Age Friendly Communities"

Framework: an iterative, 5 year planning process

- Baseline Assessment
- Action Plan
- Implementation
- Evaluation

#### **San Francisco Target Populations:**

- Seniors
- People with Disabilities
- Age-related cognitive impairment
- Caregivers



**Framework Goal**: to develop collaborative process that identify strategies to address barriers faced by seniors and people with disabilities in SF

### San Francisco's 8 Domains

Community Support & Health Services

Housing

Engagement & Inclusion

Transportation

Communication, Information, & Technology

Outdoor Spaces & Buildings

Employment & Economic Security

**Resiliency & Emergency Preparedness** 

# 2018-2020 Resiliency & Emergency Preparedness Recommendations

- 1. Provide support and training for seniors, people with disabilities, and caregivers on emergency preparedness;
- 2. Prioritize outreach campaign to encourage registration with AlertSF; and
- 3. Ensure a strategy for evacuating people with mobility challenges in multi-story buildings.

#### **Domain Partners Include (but are not limited to):**

Dept. of Public Health, Dept. of Emergency Management,
Mayor's Office on Disability, Dept. of Aging and Adult Services,
Neighborhood Empowerment Network



## Other Disability Initiatives of Note

#### **Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee**

- > Accessible Vote By Mail (State)
- ➤ Voting Platform Recommendations (local)
- Open Source Voting and Accessibility (local)

### SB 1376: Transportation Network Companies (TNC) Accessibility for All Act

- Signed by Governor Brown September 2018
- For Statewide implementation by 2024

#### **Accessible Business Entrance (ABE) Ordinance**

- Currently in first of four phases
- > To be implemented in SF over the next three years

### Litter and Waste Reduction "Plastic Straw" Ordinance

- Discussion of exemption for people with disabilities
- For SF implementation in 2019

#### **SF Emerging Technology Recommendations**

- Currently in Workgroup phase
- To be presented by City Administrator to BOS December 2019
- Has track recommendations related to Accessibility & Safety, Equitable Benefits, and others