

## ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

**Requestor:**

**Requestor Phone:**

**Requestor Email:**

**Request Receipt Date (by ASPR TRACIE):** 7 June 2018

**Response Date:** 8 June 2018

**Type of TA Request:** Standard

### Request:

██████████ requested technical assistance with searching for tools that could help his agency determine how many patients with access and functional needs reside in the community.

### Response:

The ASPR TRACIE Team reviewed existing Topic Collections; namely the [Access and Functional Needs Topic Collection](#). We also conducted a literature review for resources related to relevant tools. In addition, we reached out to other program staff within HHS ASPR to gather resources or anecdotal information that they could share with the requestor.

Section I below includes resources and tools that may be helpful to a jurisdiction trying to determine the individuals residing in the community who have access and functional needs.

## I. Access and Functional Needs Resources

Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs. (2013). [Access and Functional Needs Planning Tool](#).

This Excel spreadsheet, developed for counties in Arizona, uses 2013 Census data as a basis for estimating the number of people with access and functional needs residing in each county. It can be manipulated and adapted by other jurisdictions.

Federal Emergency Management Agency. (2018). [Office of Disability Integration and Coordination Homepage](#).

This webpage provides information about the FEMA Office of Disability Integration and Coordination, including the mission and role of the office, and [2016 Office of Disability Integration and Coordination Fact Sheet](#).

Federal Emergency Management Agency. (2011). [Planning for the Whole Community. Integrating and Coordinating the Access and Functional Needs of Children and Adults with Disabilities in Preparedness, Response, Recovery and Mitigation.](#)

This PowerPoint presentation addresses a “whole community” approach when planning for disasters to include individuals with access and functional needs. **NOTE:** Slide 20 provides contact information for the Regional Disability Integration Specialists.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. (2016). [At-Risk Individuals.](#)

This webpage provides the definitions for both access-based and function-based needs. It also provides a list of the components of the CMIST framework, which stands for Communication, Maintaining Health, Independence, Services and Support, and Transportation. **NOTE:** Additional [Fact Sheets](#) are also provided.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response. (2016). [Guidance on Integrating People with Access and Functional Needs into Disaster Preparedness Planning for States and Local Governments.](#)

This webpage provides links to resources and guidance on integrating people with access and functional needs into planning for emergencies at the local and state levels.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response. (2016). [HHS emPOWER Map 2.0.](#)

This mapping tool can help hospitals, first responders, utility companies, and community members locate Medicare beneficiaries who rely upon electricity-dependent medical and assistive equipment, such as ventilators and wheel chairs, and cardiac devices. The program's real-time severe weather tracking services can assist in the identification of areas and populations at risk for power outages.