



Preparing Together

A Partnership to Prepare Senior Citizens &
People with Disabilities

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Preparing Together Concepts

- Preparedness & Volunteers
- Seniors & People with Disabilities

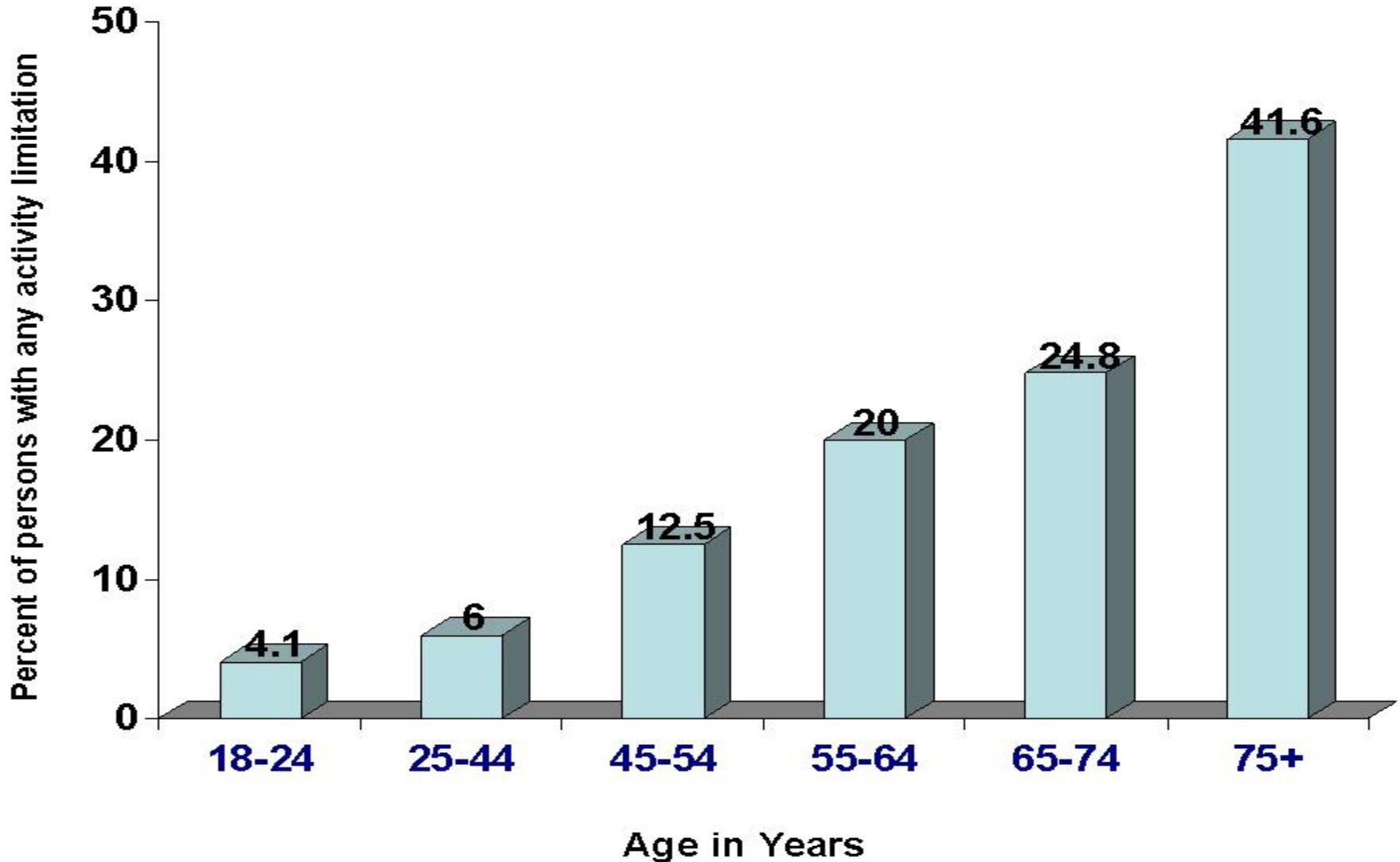


Concepts





Articulating the Need



Source: [CDC, NCHS, Health United States, 2007](#), table 58



Articulating the Need

- Major challenges
- Katrina Challenges
- Disasters impact





Implementation





Implementation

- Cultivate & Train Volunteers
 - Establish the Program
 - Monitor results





What is the role of the Volunteer?

- Readiness Coach
- Family partner
- Advocate for evacuation
- Guide for “Sheltering in Place”





The New Tool





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- Focused
- Collaborative effort
- Seeking input

PREPARING TOGETHER

A Planning Tool for Preparedness

The Salvation Army Disaster Services
in partnership with Department of Homeland Security,
Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

DOING THE MOST GOODY

The cover features a photograph of a woman in a grey jacket assisting a young boy in a wheelchair. The text "PREPARING TOGETHER" is at the top right, and "A Planning Tool for Preparedness" is at the bottom. Logos for The Salvation Army and the Department of Homeland Security are at the bottom right.



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MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS



Medications

1. Name _____ dosage _____ taken _____ x's/day
Prescribed by _____ for _____
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8. Name _____ dosage _____ taken _____ x's/day
Prescribed by _____ for _____

Note: If at all possible, keep between 3-7 days of medication available to take with you, should you be forced to leave your home.

FIRE SAFETY

Install and Maintain Smoke Alarms

Install smoke alarms on each level and outside all sleeping areas.
Test them monthly.
Replace the batteries at least once a year.

Plan Your Escape

Know at least two exits from every room.
Make sure your walker or wheelchair, can go through the doorway and exits.
Make necessary accommodations, such as providing exit ramps and widening doorways to facilitate an emergency escape.

Don't Isolate Yourself

Speak to your family members, building manager, or neighbors about your fire safety plan and practice it with them.
Contact your local fire department's non-emergency line and explain your special needs.
Ask emergency providers to keep your information on file.

Live Near an Exit

When buying a home or renting an apartment, choose one that has only one level.
If you have a multi-level home, try to sleep in a room on the first floor.

Be Fire-Safe Around the Home

Never smoke in bed, near an oxygen source, gas stove, or any flammable object.

When cooking:

- Do not wear loose clothing near an open flame
- Don't leave cooking unattended.
- Use a timer to remind you of food in the oven.

Don't overload electrical outlets or extension cords.

Never use the oven to heat your home.

Properly maintain chimneys and space heaters.

Take special precaution if you are on medication that makes you drowsy.





Partnering and Delivery



One agency cannot possibly do it alone!

Questions

