



*Community Health Task Force, Inc.*  
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**Public Preparedness Workshop for the Elderly or Disabled**

**Panama City** – The Community Health Task Force will host a community workshop on Preparedness for the Elderly or Disabled at Gulf Coast Community College on Tuesday, April 27, 2010, from 8:30am-4:30pm. Local emergency management personnel will join forces with the Bay County Health Department, Bay District Schools, Bay County Sheriff's Office, local hospitals and other experts to address individual planning for an emergency. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided so pre-registration is necessary. The goal of the workshop is to have each participant leave with an individual plan if faced with a fire, flood, tornado, windstorm, or chemical spill. A starter disaster kit will be provided.

The Deaf Service Coordinator from Disabilities Resource Center, a Regional Distribution Center, for Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc will be present with applications and information about the phones and equipment that are available for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing who meet qualifications. To qualify, a person must provide proof of Florida residency, be at least 3 years of age and Deaf, or Blind and Hard of Hearing.

The workshop is free and open to the public. It is never too early to be prepared should an emergency strike your household. To pre-register, contact Connie Kelly, (850) 872-4455 extension 1344. It is not necessary to speak with Mrs. Kelly, just leave your name, telephone number and a message that you wish to attend the Preparedness Workshop at Gulf Coast Community College. Also, please advise if you have any special needs.

This workshop is provided free of charge through a grant from the Florida Department of Health and Florida Disabilities Task Force and support from local community partners.

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