



Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD)



What is a Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) alliance?

COADs are a collaborative network of different agencies and organizations that are willing to help at times of disaster and need. These agencies care about the local community, and want to help when it is most needed and at all stages of a disaster. Membership may include:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Businesses
- Government agencies



Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD) vs. Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)


In governmental “acronym speech”, COAD and VOAD are often used almost interchangeably despite attention on different functions. **In general,**

- COADs are more inclusive of businesses and other professional services
- COADs give more attention on partner professional services and material resources (as opposed to labor resources emphasized with VOAD)
- Both COADs and VOADs are organizations recognized by New York State and recommended for each county to have or be a part of

Why is having a COAD important?

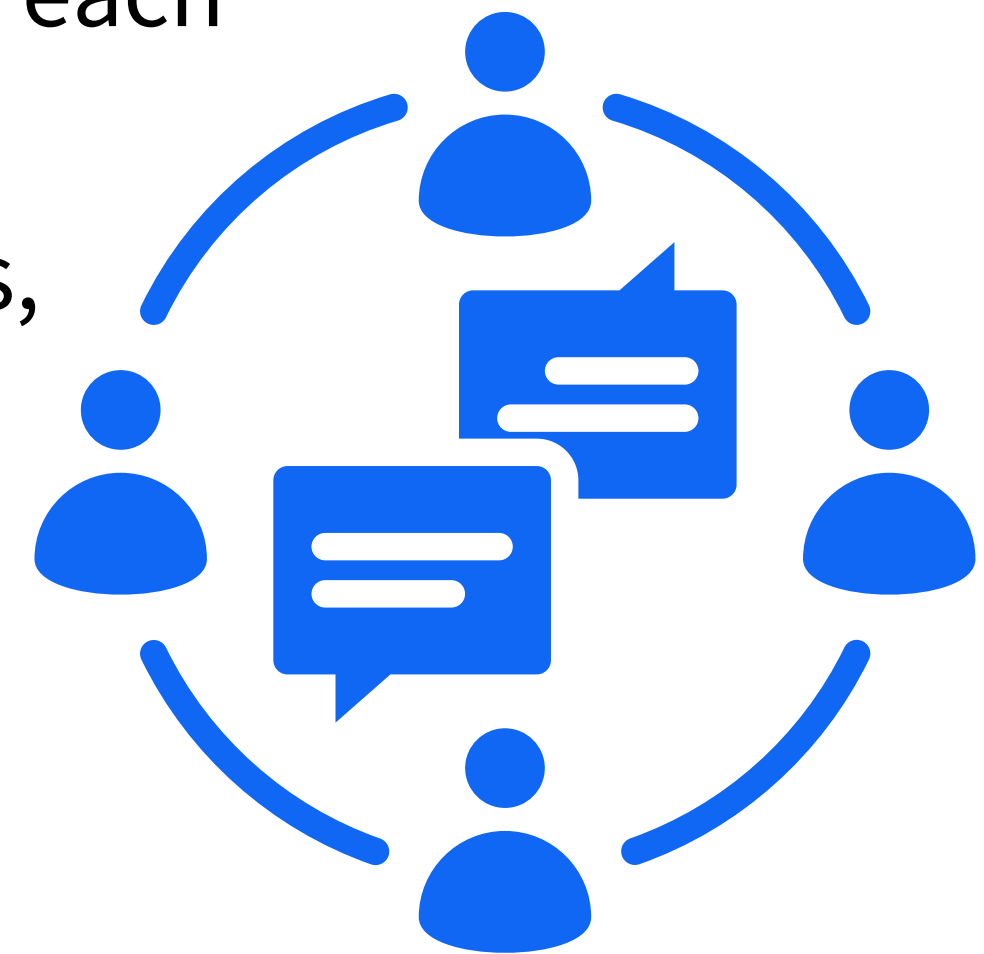
COADs can use existing resources to meet the community's needs and strengthen resilience. A strong COAD is vital for effective local response and long-term recovery.

COADs help assist Emergency Management

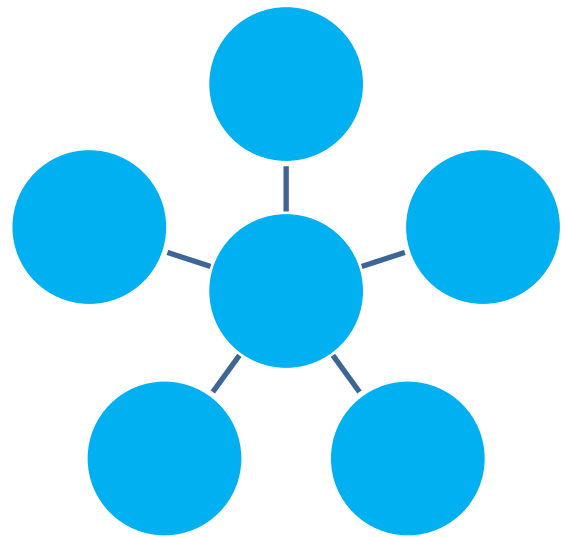
- When necessary, an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) may be established as either a physical or virtual location to coordinate resources and information to support emergency management activities.
 - An effective COAD will relay vetted information and emergency management requests, as well as coordinate community support.
 - COAD provides a framework for information and needs to be quickly and effectively shared.
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What is Necessary for a COAD?

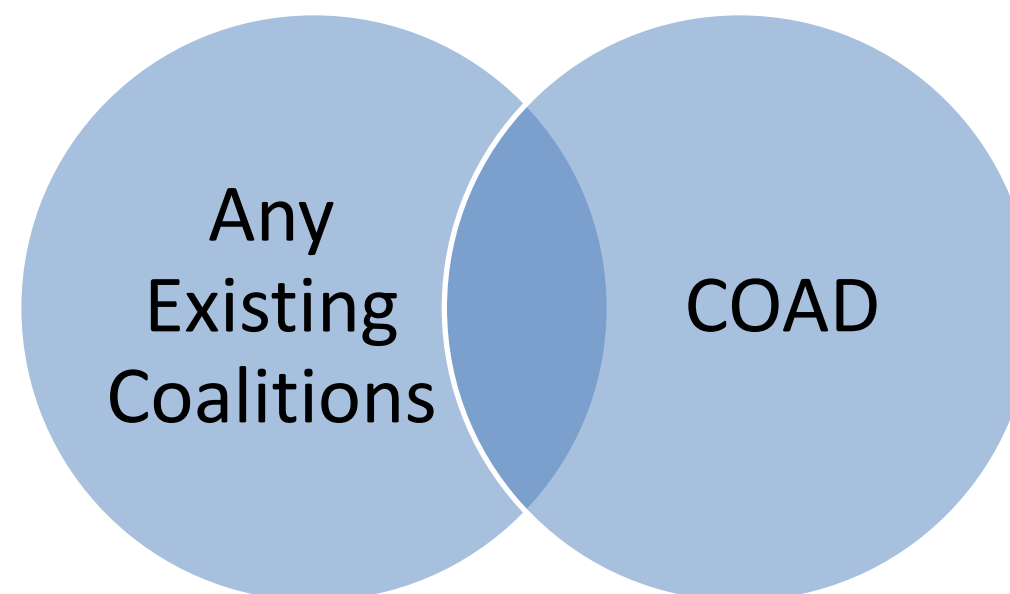
- Established Point of Contact (POC) for a COAD involving a specific area (i.e., county)
- Established membership, with a POC for each member agency
- Basic understanding of skills, assets, or resources that each member *may* have available during an emergency
- Dedicated meetings each year to review purpose, contacts, and resources (generally 1, 2, or 4 times per year)



Any Interfaith Coalition vs COAD



The COAD may overlap with any existing coalitions, such as interfaith coalitions. However, the COAD must be inclusive of both faith-based and non-faith-based community organizations



What is Necessary for a COAD?

- **Established Point of Contact (POC)** with primary and secondary contacts for each agency.
 - Administration of COAD through GO Health
 - Genesee County: health@geneseeny.gov
 - Orleans County: OCPublicHealth@orleanscountyny.gov
- **Capacity Checklist Sheet** for each member including agency POC, general summaries, and any skills, assets, or resources
- **Either bi-annual or quarterly meetings** dedicated to COAD information and review
 - Additional or emergency meetings established as needed



GO Health COAD Capacity Matrix Checklist

Name of Person Completing this Form:

Date:

Organization Name:

Primary Point of Contact (name, any relevant title, phone with cell/office/home specified, email):

Secondary Point of Contact (name, any relevant title, phone with cell/office/home specified, email):

Organization Mission or short summary of purpose:

Short summary of skills, assets, or resources most likely to be useful during times of disaster and disaster recovery:

Checklist Items: Please mark with an (X) for any capacity your organization can offer, or use a (?) if uncertain or wanting more information*

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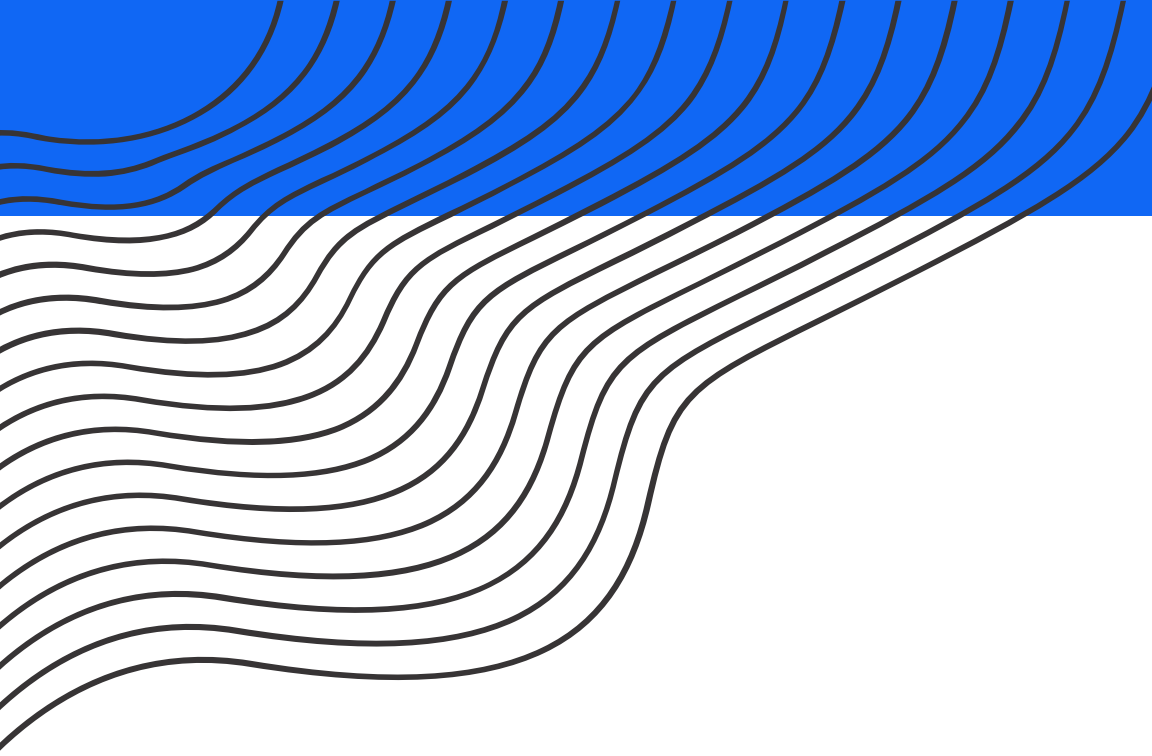
PREPAREDNESS:

- ☐ Mitigation Education
- ☐ Preparedness Planning and Training
- ☐ Public Education
- ☐ Other Preparedness Services: _____

COAD Member Capacity Matrix Checklists

- Either single page Word document or single column Excel sheet for each member
- Meant to document organizational point of contact with capabilities to assist with preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

Response														
Information/ Referral	Disaster Assessment	Volunteer Management	Donations Management	Warehouse Operations	Cleanup: Debris Removal, Tarping, Muck and Gut	Equipment, Materials, Supplies	Logistics and Transportation	Feeding/ Food Access	Food for Emergency Workers	Sheltering	Sheltering: On-Site Wraparound Services	Mental Health/ Emotional & Spiritual Care	Animal Services	Other Response Services
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**Thank you for your
support of a
County COAD!**