

About the OPEN Training



PURPOSE

When Community Based Organizations (CBOs) are unable to sustain operations during an incident, individuals who rely on them are exponentially impacted. As a result, ICPD is focused on educating and preparing organizations to become more resilient and prepared for a disaster or emergency. **OPEN is a course designed to empower CBOs to prepare for incidents.**

OVERVIEW

OPEN is both a **self-guided online course** for individuals and a **downloadable instructor-led** course available for groups. Through the training, FEMA aims to help CBOs take preparedness actions prior to a disruption, build a preparedness plan, safeguard critical information, and most importantly, continue to provide essential services to the whole community.

OPEN offers participants the opportunity to explore **several preparedness resources**. Participants are offered ten tangible preparedness actions most relevant to organizations.

The self-guided online course provides a great introduction to OPEN concepts and key objectives of the course. We recommend that individuals complete the online course then deliver the instructor-led training to their CBO or complete it with their community members.

GOALS

- OPEN will help prepare and train CBO employees to continue to provide essential services during and after a disruption, save money after a disaster hits, and ensure the safety of workers and individuals served.
- To help CBOs meet increased demands, FEMA is committed to training 22,000 by the year 2022. OPEN supports this goal.

AVAILABILITY

Community-Based Organizations can access OPEN in its web-based and instructor-led versions at [Ready.gov/open-training](https://www.ready.gov/open-training)

