



KOIN Connection

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2013 Great Central U.S. Shake Out Earthquake Drill

Mark your calendars for the upcoming 2013 Great Central U.S. Shake Out Earthquake Drill to be held on **February 7, 2013 at 10:15 a.m.** Sign up today at www.shakeout.org.

To date, more than 800,000 people have registered to participate in the drill and related activities. This year the goal is to have 3 million people participate in earthquake safety, preparedness and mitigation activities.

Use this as an opportunity to practice additional aspects of

your emergency plans and procedures.

Earthquakes can happen at any time and any location throughout Kentucky. It is critical that our citizens, communities and schools are prepared for natural disasters. A catastrophic earthquake in the New Madrid Zone of western Kentucky would impact not only Kentucky, but several surrounding states as well. The overall impact could equal or even surpass the devastating disaster of Hurricane Katrina in comparison.

Be aware of the recommended earthquake safety actions of **DROP, TAKE COVER** and **HOLD ON**. Earthquakes occur without any warning and may be so violent that you cannot run or crawl.

Individuals with disabilities and other access or functional needs may need to adapt the **DROP, TAKE COVER** and **HOLD ON** technique to meet their specific situation.

For additional information on these guidelines, visit www.dropcoverholdon.org.

Upcoming Kentucky Inclusive Preparedness Conference

The 2013 Kentucky Inclusive Preparedness Conference will be held on April 25-26, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza-Louisville Airport, Louisville, Kentucky.

This conference was originally scheduled for September 2012 and was rescheduled.

The conference builds off of the 2011 conference held in eastern Kentucky in an effort to bring together emergency management, public health, human services and disability stakeholders from throughout the commonwealth to discuss the latest issues in inclusive emergency management and

response.

The day and a half conference is hosted by the Commonwealth Council on Development Disabilities, the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, Kentucky Department for Public Health, Kentucky Self-

Advocates for Freedom and enableUS.

This interactive and engaging seminar will examine some of the greatest challenges in meeting the unique access and functional needs of the entire community in disasters and strategies to overcome these issues.

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Functional and Access Needs Coordinator Position Filled

The Public Health Preparedness Branch recently welcomed Kenyetta Pinkston as the new Functional and Access Needs Coordinator (FAN) replacing Gayle Brown.

Kenyetta worked for the Community Action Council as the Health and Nutrition Team Leader. While there she managed the Health, Nutrition and Safety content area compliance for the Head Start Program. She also ensured program monitoring of health and nutrition services and provided technical assistance and onsite training to low income families, teachers and management staff.

She also worked for the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department as a Disease Intervention Specialist in the STD/HIV Program. She is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University with an MPH specializing in community health education. She is very active in her church and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Special thanks to Becki Patton who served as the Interim FAN Coordinator since Gayle Haven's departure in December 2012.

Kentucky State Police—Text a Tip Program

The Kentucky State Police have announced a new program called the Text a Tip program to report drugs, gangs, violence, threats, vandalism, abuse and other illegal activities.

To participate, simply text **67283** in the address field and type **KSPTIP** in the message field. Leave a space and then enter information about a crime. You will receive an instant confirmation text on your phone if your tip went through successfully.

The Text a Tip program is completely confidential.

Additional information is available at http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/2012/pr10_02_12.htm.

Free KOIN Materials Available

There are plenty of free KOIN materials available to members by simply requesting them. If you are interested in obtaining KOIN materials, please contact Barbara Fox, KOIN Coordinator, at BarbaraJ.Fox@ky.gov or call (502) 564-6786, ext. 3102. When requesting materials, please provide the name of the material(s), the quantity requested and a mailing address.

Free Materials Available:

- Folding Pandemic Flu Brochure (English and Spanish versions available)
- Be Safe. Be Prepared. Children's Emergency Preparedness Coloring Book
- Emergency Preparedness Refrigerator Magnet (English, Spanish and Braille versions available)
- Updated KOIN Training Video DVD with Accompanying User's Manual
- KOIN ID Badges
- Kentucky Emergency Guide Folding Pocket Card
- Updated Kentucky Department for Public Health Brochure with Pictograms (English and Spanish versions available)

All requests for materials are promptly mailed out so please request your KOIN materials today.

If you have any suggestions for future KOIN materials related to public health preparedness, please contact Barbara Fox.

Upcoming Kentucky Inclusive Preparedness Conference *(continued)*

Speakers from national, state and local government agencies and organizations will focus on programs that have worked in their communities as well as continued shortfalls and challenges that they experience.

Through keynote and panel presentations, facilitated audience discussions, breakout sessions and networking breaks, attendees will have the opportunity to interact with speakers and other attendees to exchange information about what is working in communities throughout Kentucky and the nation on including larger groups of stakeholders in emergency planning and response.

The conference is free of charge. If you registered for the Western Kentucky Inclusive Preparedness Conference that was re-scheduled and you reside in western Kentucky, lodging will be provided for you. Please email Brian Lake at info@enableus.org for further information. For all other attendees, a room block has been reserved. Rates are \$99 a night. To secure this rate, please contact the Crowne Plaza Hotel—Louisville Airport, 830 Phillips Lane, directly at 1-800-633-8723 and mention the Inclusive Preparedness Conference.

Registration for the conference is available at <http://enableus.org/upcoming-events/KY13/KY13registration.html>.

Please Remember...

The KOIN network is a two-way communication tool. When a KOIN message is sent out to KOIN members, we would like to hear back from you. During emergencies, resources and services may be unavailable to residents. While the KOIN cannot guarantee that these services will be restored quickly, the network would like to know your communities needs are being met, especially concerning the needs of vulnerable population groups. It only takes a few seconds to drop us a note. We'd be most appreciative if we'd hear back from you! It could result in a more productive emergency communications network.

HELPFUL EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO:

How to Get Help/Medical Emergency - Dial 911

Poison Control Hotline - 800-222-1222

Disease Reporting Hotline - 800-973-7678

**Division of Emergency Management -
800-255-2587 or 502-607-1611**

KY Dept. for Public Health - 502-564-3970

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