

2015 Whole Community Conference

FEMA Youth Preparedness

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FEMA's Mission:

Support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.



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FEMA Region V

- **Over 200 full-time employees**
- **Located in Chicago and covers IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI**
- **Second largest in population among FEMA's 10 regions**
- **Led by Andrew Velasquez III, Regional Administrator**



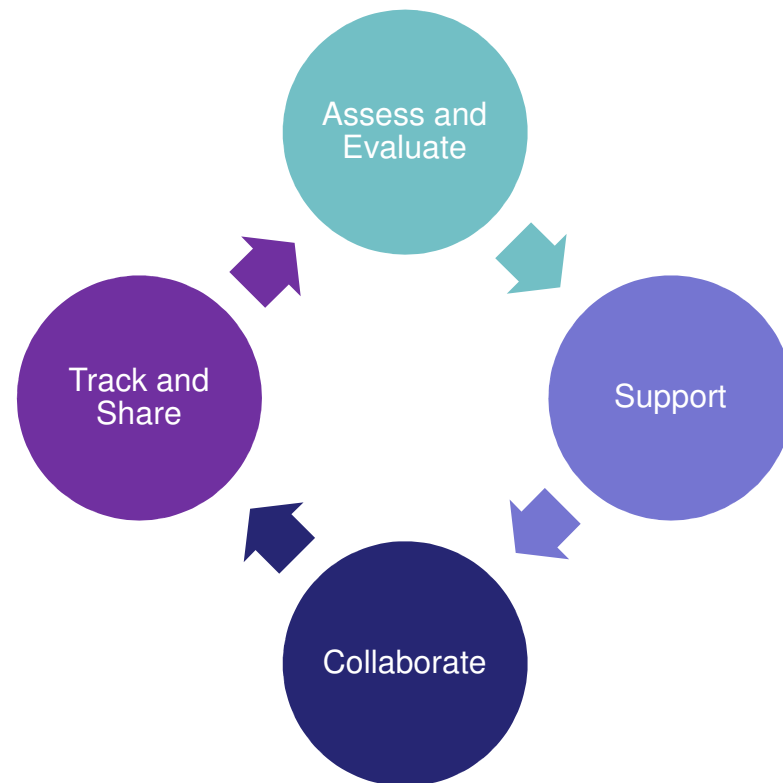
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Individual and Community Preparedness (ICP)

Mission: Provide valuable, effective, and appropriate support to state and local ICP programs to build greater regional community resilience while meeting national-level priorities and requirements.

Four Main Goals

1. Assess and Evaluate
2. Support
3. Collaborate
4. Track and Share



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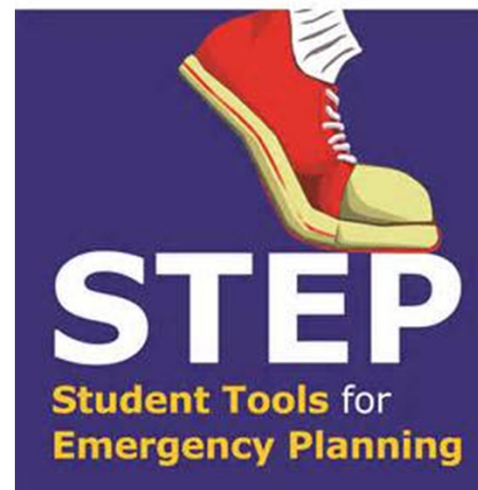
Individual and Community Preparedness

Key Priorities:

1. Engagements in low income and high-risk areas
2. Small business, faith-based, and non-profit preparedness
3. Engaging institutes of higher education
4. Youth preparedness ←

Examples of current programs:

- Protective Measures workshops
- Chicago Public Schools partnership
- Ready Campus
- Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP)
 - 2015-2016 numbers:
 - WI: 8,000 students
 - MI: >5,500 students
 - OH: 2,000 students



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Why Youth Preparedness?

- Effective way to generate action
- Cascading effects of youth engagement:
 - Appeal to parents through their children
 - Create a new population of prepared adults
 - Generate interest in public service careers

Outcome

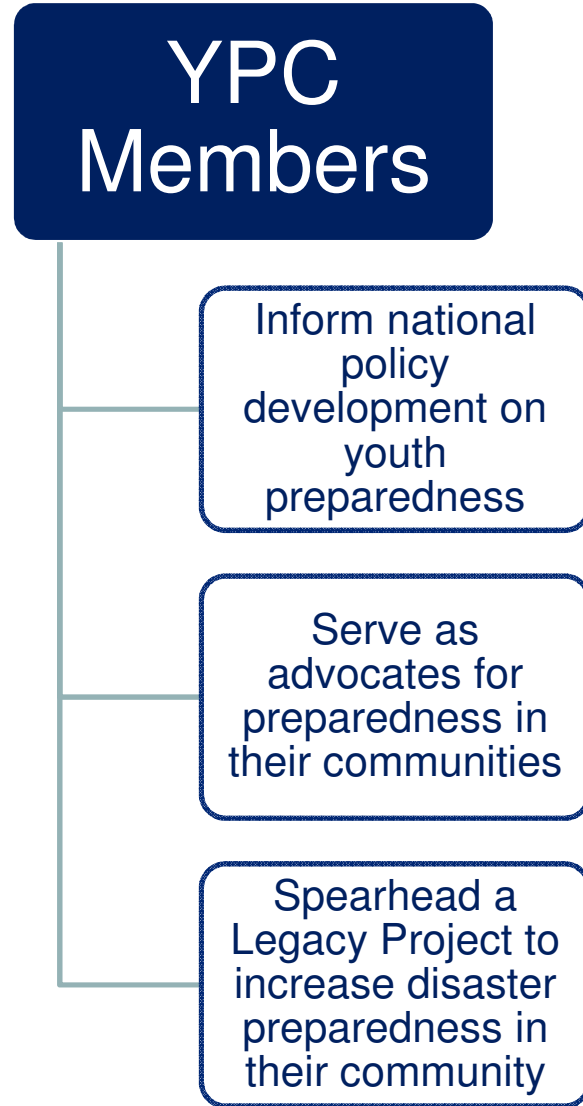
Creating a culture of preparedness and more resilient communities



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Youth Preparedness Council

- National Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) established in 2012
- National YPC consists of fifteen (15) members, ages 14-18, from across the country
- Purpose is to increase community resilience through youth engagement



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FEMA Region V YPC

- Create a Regional Youth Preparedness Council in FEMA Region V
- Council will have one representative from each state in Region V: IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI
- States will recommend applicants – FEMA will make final applicant selections
- Expected benefits:
 1. Build off existing success across the region
 2. Coordinate youth preparedness strategy at a regional level
 3. Increase regional preparedness



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FEMA Region V YPC, cont.

- Council members will be assigned a mentor at the state or regional level, depending on the state's preference
- Members agree to complete a preparedness project in their local community
- Members will represent the Region V YPC, not FEMA writ large or the state emergency management agencies



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Timeline

2016

- March: Finalize Region V YPC roles and responsibilities document & application criteria
- April: Develop communications strategy for soliciting applications
- May: Solicit applications for the Region V YPC
- June: Select final applicants for Region V YPC
- July: Convene a webinar with all Council members, assign mentors, and conduct initial trainings

2017

- Ongoing: Members work on preparedness projects with assistance of mentors
- June: FEMA hosts the Pilot Region V YPC Summit
- August: Region V YPC Summit is evaluated for value and effectiveness
- September: Recommendation made on whether Region V YPC will continue



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Questions?

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