

Houston Department of Health and Human Services
and Ready Houston

Neighborhood Ready Training

Public Health Preparedness of Non-English Speaking Communities

March 30, 2011; 1-5 PM
Southwest Multi-Service Center, East Room



Background

- Vulnerable populations are adversely affected by disaster, yet are rarely included in the emergency planning process.
(Disaster Med Public Health Preparedness. 2010; 4:246-251)
- 20% of the U.S. speaks a language other than English at home.
45% of the *City of Houston* speaks a language other than English at home.
(American Community Survey, 2009)
- In 95% of all emergencies, bystanders or the victims themselves are the first to provide emergency help or to perform a rescue. *(ReadyHoustonTx.gov)*

Neighborhood Ready Training

- *Neighborhood Ready* stresses a community- and neighborhood-based approach to understanding disaster preparedness, with specifics on individual, family and neighborhood disaster preparedness.
- The *Neighborhood Ready* Facilitator Training will be from 1-4 PM. After receiving this training, you will be certified to offer it in your own community.
- The *Neighborhood Ready* Facilitator Training will be followed by updates on the messaging process from 4-5 PM.

Please RSVP by emailing Sheilance.Sen@houstontx.gov with your name, organization and contact information by Wednesday, 3/23/11.



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