

Partner Updates:

Local:

- [San Luis Valley Emergency Management Update | Oct. 30, 2023](#)

State:

- **Cal OES - OAFN**
 - [The Access and Functional Needs Minute | October 12, 2023](#)
- **Colorado Department of Local Affairs**
 - [Colorado Resiliency Office Newsletter | October 2023](#)
 - [Colorado Resiliency Office Newsletter - REDI Webinar Update](#)
- **Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment**
 - [What's the 411? - October 2023](#)
- **Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)**
 - [ARPA Project Pulse Newsletter | September 2023](#)
 - Announcement: Recruiting Digital Literacy Coaches and Member Learners
 - A New Resource for Primary Care Physicians Managing Chronic Pain Treatment
 - Grant Incentives, Pilots, and Community Funding Opportunities
 - 7.02 - Member Emergency Preparedness "Go-Kits"
 - [Public Health Emergency Planning Updates](#) (Announcement)
 - The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) received [new guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) on August 30, 2023, that requires a change to the ex parte process for renewals.
- **Colorado Governor's Office of Information Technology**
 - [State of Colorado Accessibility Newsletter | October 2023](#)
- **Latino Community Foundation of Colorado**
 - [Newsletter | October 2023](#)
 - [Boletín Informativo | Octubre 2023](#)
- **Colorado Water Conservation Board**
 - Our team has deployed a completely new website at [ColoradoFloodThreat.com](#) for delivering all the Program's products in a more impactful way. We have implemented

multiple interactive tiles with the top-line flood threat metrics and severity for better situational awareness of the current and previous day's flood conditions.

- [Daily Flood Threat Bulletin](#) - This product is issued daily before 11:00 am and is used to identify areas of the state that are at risk of flooding. Updates can be issued as needed by weather situation.
 - [Fire Burn Forecast](#) - The FBF is issued daily by 11AM for select, high-risk burn areas in Colorado (May to Sept). This standalone forecast system was created to separate the higher-sensitivity burn area forecasts from the existing FTB product, but complement the overall goals of the program.
 - [Flood Threat Outlook](#) - This product is an outlook of the flood threat and precipitation amount/probabilities in the state over the next 15 days. It is presented in an event-based format that focuses on periods of potentially wet weather, and a precipitation map is included when the forecast precipitation exceeds 0.5 inches for any area during an event duration. The Outlook is updated on Mondays and Thursdays by 3PM.
 - [State Precipitation Map](#) - An overview of recent precipitation and flooding conditions across the state, using [MetStorm Live](#) data, heavy rain reports, and flood reports.
 - [Streamflow Tracker](#) - This product is a summary table updated monthly (mid-month) reflecting the last month's streamflow conditions across the 14 major basins in Colorado.
- **Colorado Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind (CCDHHDB)**
 - [Navigator Newsletter | October 2023](#)
 - ["Not Horsing Around...We Want YOU!"](#)
 - Rural Auxiliary Services provides referrals and sign language interpreting and captioning services to rural

areas of the state at no charge to those communities. The program also provides training opportunities, certification testing support and scholarships to those who agree to accept assignments in rural areas of the state.

- **Rocky Mountain Medical Reserve Corps**

- [Partner Newsletter | October 2023](#)

National:

- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

- **ADA National Network**

- [November 2023 Newsletter](#)

- [Free Resource and Education Hub for Social Media, “Accessible Social”](#)

- **Mid-Atlantic ADA Center**

- [E-Bulletin | October 24, 2023](#)

- **Pacific ADA Center**

- Pacific ADA Updates | November 2023

- [“How Poor Website Accessibility Can Hurt Your Brand and Your Business”](#)

- [“Justice Department Sues Colorado Over Unlawful Segregation of Adults with Disabilities”](#)

- [“The Pacific ADA Center Provides Guidance on Services Animals in Public Places”](#)

- **Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies:**

- [Connect with Regional Disability Integration Specialist](#)

- [United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction \(UNDRR\) - 2023 Global Survey Report on Persons with Disabilities and Disasters](#)

- **Association for Community Living**

- [Policy Round Up: DIAL, Input Needed, COVID Test, CMS Resources, and more](#)

- [ACL Awards Assistive Technology Alternative Financing Program Grants](#)

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- ACL is announcing four new Assistive Technology (AT) Alternative Financing Program (AFP) discretionary grant awards. Nearly \$2 million over one year will fund four projects:

- Bridging the Gap: CreditAble
 - Grantee: Friends of Disabled Adults and Children, Too! Inc. (Georgia)
- Expanding Assistive Technology Lending in Idaho and Across the Pacific Northwest
 - Grantee: Northwest Access Fund
- Expansion of PATF's Lending Programs and Financial Education Program in Pennsylvania and Kentucky
 - Grantee: Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation
- WisLoan Program - Down Payment Assistance
 - Grantee: Independence First, Inc. (Wisconsin)
- The [AT Act program](#) in your state or territory can help you learn more about options and provide assistance to increase your awareness of, and access to, AT devices and services. They also can help you find out about available alternative financing programs, and other state financing options, where you live. You can also [reach out to the National Assistive Technology Act Technical Assistance and Training \(AT3\) Center](#) for more information about AFPs and additional AT financing resources and activities.
- [Learn more about ACL's Assistive Technology programs.](#)
- ACL's Disability Information and Access Line (DIAL) continues to help people connect with services and supports. To view this as a web page, go [here](#).
 - Current analysis suggests that anywhere from 7.7 million to 23 million Americans have developed Long COVID, and roughly 1 million people are out of the workforce at any given time because of it. This figure is equal to about \$50 billion annually in lost salaries.
 - One year ago, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) worked with federal partners to create an action path forward to address Long COVID. Two reports outline key aspects of that work:
 - [Services and Supports for Longer-Term Impacts of COVID-19](#) outlines over 200 federally funded supports and services that may be available to

those impacted by the pandemic and Long COVID.

- The [National Research Action Plan](#) lays out current U.S. government conducted or funded research and a pathway for future inquiry. The National Research Action Plan also recommended the formation of the Office of Long COVID Research and Practice.
- **How to reach [Disability Information and Access Line \(DIAL\)](#):**
 - Call or text at 888-677-1199.
 - Email DIAL@usaginganddisability.org.
 - [Start a live online chat](#) with an information specialist.
 - Connect directly to an agent in American Sign Language using [ASL Now](#) or call 888-677-1199 from your videophone.
 - Use [video relay services](#) by calling 888-677-1199. People who use TTY relay can first dial 7-1-1, and then dial 888-677-1199.
- **Disability:IN**
 - [Register for the 2024 Disability Equality Index](#)
 - The Disability Equality Index (DEI) is an objective, reflective, forward-thinking, and confidential disability rating tool designed to assist business in advancing inclusion practices.
 - Now celebrating its 10th year, the Disability Equality Index has become the leading independent, third-party resource for the annual benchmarking of corporate disability inclusion policies and programs and is trusted by more than 70% of the Fortune 100 and nearly half of the Fortune 500.

Federal:

- **Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**
 - [Fact Sheet: FCC Chairwoman Rosenworcel Proposes to Restore Net Neutrality Rules](#)
 - The Chairwoman is proposing the FCC take the first procedural steps toward reaffirming rules that would treat broadband internet service as an essential service for

American life. As work, healthcare, education, commerce, and so much more have moved online, no American household or business should need to function without reliable internet service. This was especially true during the pandemic. Such rules would affirm—under Title II of the Communications Act—that broadband service is on par with water, power, and phone service; that is: essential.

- **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

- FEMA Seeks Feedback on Resource Typing for Emergency Medical Services

- FEMA is seeking public input on 12 documents related to ground Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and ambulance response as part of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)—the documents focus on public health, healthcare and EMS, including paramedics and ambulances.

- To provide comments on the draft documents during the 30-day comment period, review the documents, then complete and submit the feedback form to FEMA-NIMS@fema.dhs.gov no later than 5 p.m. ET, Nov. 23, 2023.

- FEMA National Integration Center Opens NIMS Resource Management Survey for Feedback on NIMS Resources and Tools

- FEMA has released the 2023 NIMS Resource Management Survey on the Preparedness Toolkit website. The survey offers jurisdictions an opportunity to recommend enhancements for NIMS programming. This includes the National Qualification System (NQS), resource typing, mutual aid, emergency operations center (EOC) skillsets and tools, and more.

- [To participate, please visit the link](#)

- FEMA Civil Rights Summit 3.0 After Action Report [View as Webpage](#)

- **Office of Disability Integration and Coordination (ODIC)**

- [“How FEMA Champions Disability Inclusion and Representation”](#)
- **FEMA Region 8**
 - [FEMA Interagency Recovery Coordination Monthly Reader | October 2023](#)
- **FEMA Region 2**
 - Preparedness and Resilience Bulletin: Empowering People and Communities | October 17, 2023
 - [The Importance of Earthquake Preparedness](#)
 - [NAACP and FEMA Formalize Their Cooperation, Moving FEMA’s Environmental Justice Efforts Forward](#)
 - [FEMA Publishes a Proposed Rule for Public Comment on the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard](#)
- **The White House Office of Public Engagement**
 - [White House Disability Community Newsletter | October 23, 2023](#)
 - [White House Disability Community Newsletter | October 20, 2023](#)
 - [White House Disability Community Newsletter | October 18, 2023](#)