



PROJECT REDD (RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ON DISABILITY AND DISASTER)

Providing research and training on the effects of disaster on individuals with disabilities and their families.

Project REDD was created in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in response to the overwhelming needs of the over 400,000 individuals with disabilities that were displaced to Texas following these disasters.

The mission of Project REDD is to:

- 1) conduct high-quality research and evaluation on how disasters affect individuals with disabilities and their families, and
- 2) provide training and workshops on the topic of disability and disaster for organizations, service providers and at professional conferences.

Project REDD collaborates with other researchers exploring psychological constructs related to the effects of disaster. Project REDD has produced the "Disaster Acronym Guide" and the "Texas Guide to Supports and Services for Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families Affected by Disasters." Over 6,000 of these guides have been distributed to emergency management personnel, case managers, volunteer organizations, county extension agents and people throughout Texas.

Project REDD faculty present at professional organizations and engage in ongoing research on the effects of disaster on individuals with disabilities and their families.

"There have been few studies that have examined the psychosocial effects of disasters on individuals with disabilities. . . Empirical research to provide quantitative, systematically collected interview data is much needed in this area. . ."

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