

Federal Emergency Management Agency Special Needs Program 1997 to Present

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Conference on Emergency Preparedness
for Special Needs Populations
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A Look at Three Disasters

- 1997 Red River Flood - North Dakota
- 1998 Ice Storms - New York State
- 9/11/01 – New York City







Building Critical Relationships

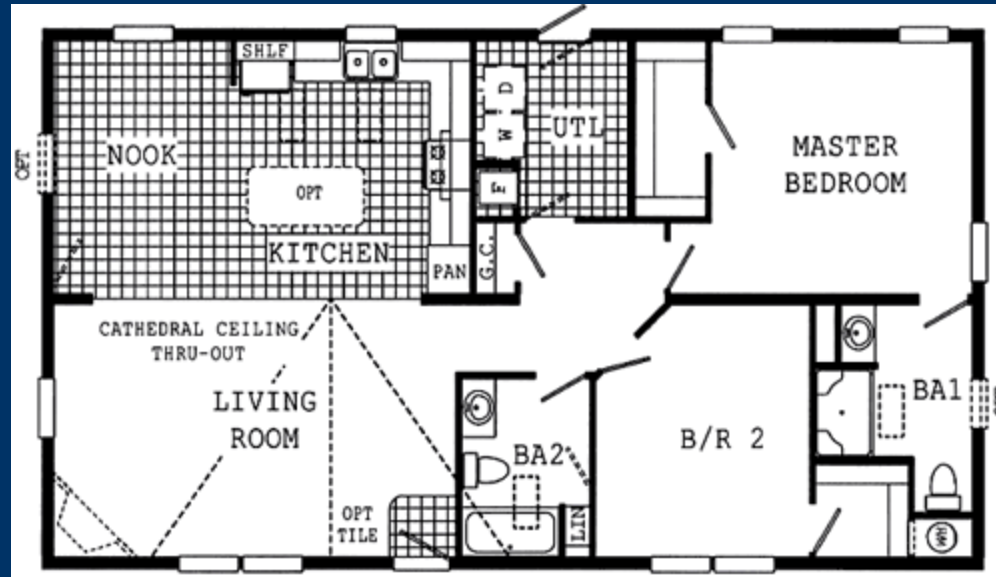
On Presidential disaster declaration

- FEMA-State Special Needs Teams**
- FEMA-State Disaster Recovery Centers**
- Equal Rights Offices**
- Emergency Managers**
- Social Services and Voluntary Agencies**
- Advocacy Groups**

Accessibility

Housing

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**Disaster
Assistance
Service
Centers**





Accessibility Issues at the JFO

- **Issues “within” the building important**
 - **Example: Mobility carts were needed for JFO length greater than a football field**
- **Complete resolution of issues took persistence**
 - **Example: cart rules (Who? How? When? etc.)**
 - **Signage (At entrances and within DFO)**
- **Evacuation plans need to be tailored to accommodate people with a disability**







DISASTER INFORMATION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



- You may qualify for disaster assistance if affected by the April storm.
- Disaster aid will not affect your pension or other existing benefits.
- Accepting assistance will not take help away from others.

**TO REGISTER FOR ASSISTANCE,
CALL THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
AT
800-621-FEMA (3362)
(For TTY/TDD call 800-462-7585)**

Operators can assist you with:

- Locating the nearest Disaster Recovery Center
- Any special language needs
- Follow-up after you register to check your status or to make changes

INFORMATION needed when you call:

- Social Security Number
- Source of income (Employer, Pension, Disability, Etc.)
- Mailing address and current phone number
- Current telephone number where you can be reached
- Members in household
- Extent of damages

FOR NON-DISASTER, DISABILITY-RELATED ISSUES: You may contact the New York State Advocate's Office for Persons with Disabilities toll-free at 1-800-522-4369 (Voice, TTY and Spanish).

Local – State – Federal Joint Field Offices

Executive Summary January 2007

Assessing the Impact of
Hurricane Katrina
on Persons with Disabilities



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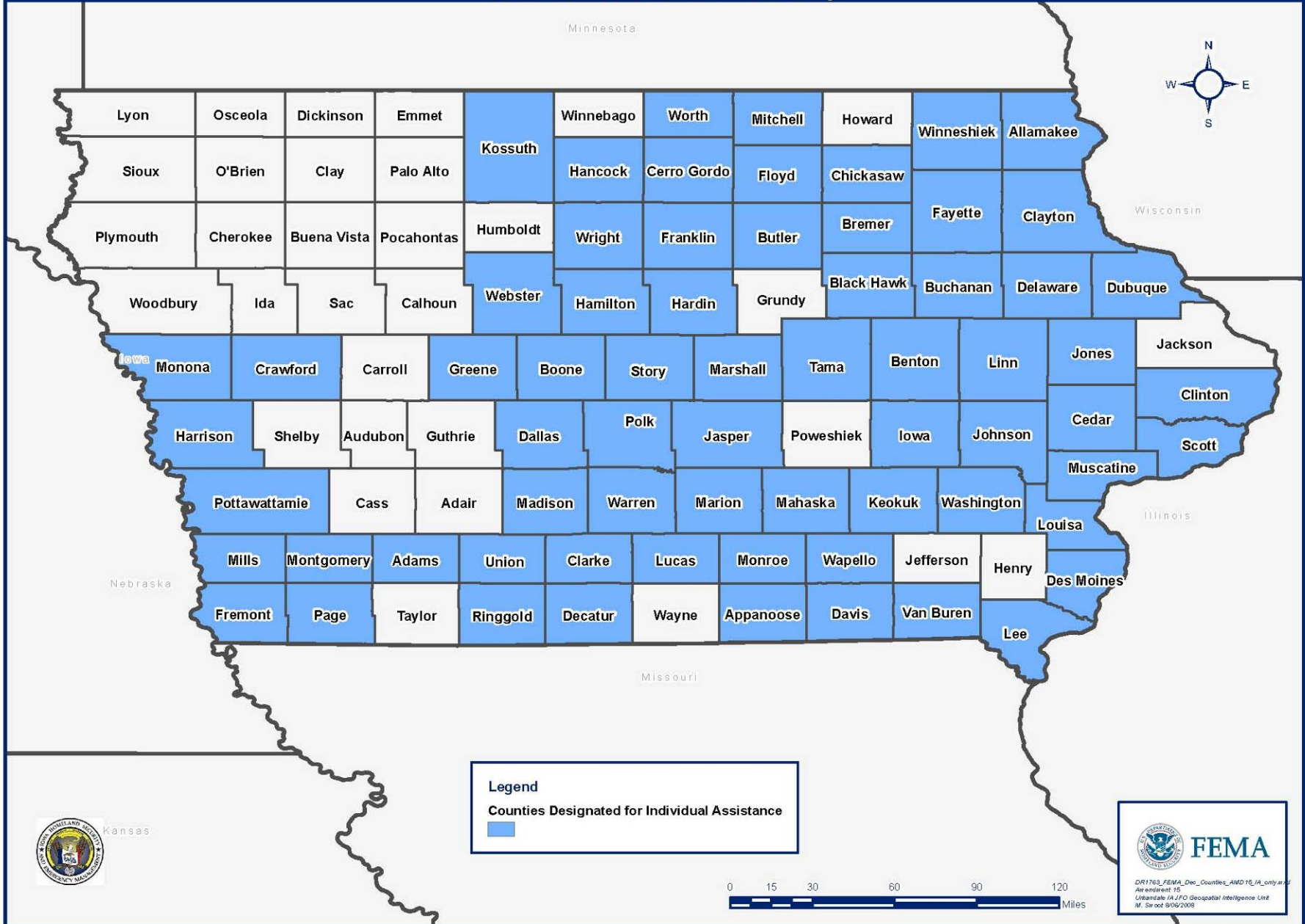
Funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (H1338000500-048)

Iowa Floods Disaster Applications

Total Registration	35,722
Total Special Needs	625
Hearing	80
Mental Health	123
Mobility	354
Vision	146
Other	221



DR-1763 FEMA Disaster Declaration as of August 6, 2008 Amendment No 15 - IA Only



Legend
 Counties Designated for Individual Assistance



Kansas



**Where we are
now**

Thanks for participating!

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