



Center for  
Caregiver  
Advancement

# EMERGENCY AND DISASTER READINESS

The Center for Caregiver Advancement developed and offers the nation's first and only training for home care workers on how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from climate emergencies and natural disasters.

Emergency and Disaster Readiness is essential in California, where climate emergencies and natural disasters routinely threaten In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) workers and their consumers' lives and safety. These caregivers are defacto first responders yet are not well prepared for these life-threatening situations prior to training.



## SIX-WEEK TRAINING CURRICULUM

- 1 Climate Change and Its Connection to Care
- 2 Community Resilience and Emergency Planning
- 3 Reporting to Climate-Related Emergencies and Communication
- 4 Vulnerability, Disproportionate Impact, and Environmental Justice
- 5 Protective Actions for Climate-Related Emergencies
- 6 Post-Climate Related Emergency Trauma

## 8 Languages

Currently offered in English and Spanish. Previously offered and can be made available in Armenian, Cantonese, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, and Vietnamese

**4,000+** students trained

**50 of 58** counties in California

**90%** women

**73%** 40 or older



Curriculum licensed to caregiver organizations in Washington and Oregon in 2024

**100%**

strongly agree or agree

*"I have learned new caregiving skills because of this training."*

**90%**

strongly agree or agree

*"I am confident I can keep the person I care for safe during an emergency."*

Student survey n=482

## 4X Multiplier Effect

1 trained IHSS caregiver positively impacts 4 other individuals