



ENLA Fact Sheet

Who We Are

Emergency Network Los Angeles, Inc. (ENLA) is a network of non-profit, community-based organizations (CBOs) and faith-based organizations (FBOs) based in Los Angeles County. Collectively these organizations provide assistance to individuals, families, and special needs populations following emergencies and disasters.

Our Mission

ENLA'S mission is to enhance the capacity of non-profit, community, and faith-based organizations, government agencies and the private sector for preparedness, response to and recovery from disasters in Los Angeles County by facilitating cooperation, communication, coordination & collaboration.

Our History

Following the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, the Mayor of Los Angeles convened a meeting of CBOs that were active in the recovery from the disaster. The combined efforts of this group, which became known as ENLA, significantly aided the earthquake recovery efforts. In December of that year, ENLA merged with the Los Angeles County VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters) and the Los Angeles Access Network, to bring all CBO disaster work in Los Angeles County under one umbrella. In 1997, both Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles designated ENLA as their primary point of contact with community based organizations for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

Our Organization

ENLA is a California non-profit charitable corporation under IRS section 501(c)3. The organization is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of representatives from CBOs, FBOs, national disaster agencies (including the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army) and non-voting government representatives. ENLA is the Los Angeles County VOAD and is an affiliate of National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) and Southern California VOAD (SCVOAD).

Our Membership

Voting membership is open to non-profit, 501(c)3 organizations. Each member organization retains its own identity and independence. Government organizations and for-profit entities may be affiliate (non-voting) members. ENLA works closely with other organizations to improve coordination and reduce duplication of efforts and resources. Member CBOs provide mentoring to each other and share best practices.

Our Activities

- Establishing contact and maintaining liaison with member CBOs prior to and following disasters;
- Facilitating improved staff and agency preparedness for member CBOs by providing training and forums;
- Convening quarterly general membership meetings for information sharing and encouraging periodic functional group meetings for planning and networking;
- Gathering, coordinating, and disseminating information through the network, including training and exercise schedules, disaster updates, funding opportunities, and other relevant news;
- Facilitating communication between disaster resource providers and CBOs that have disaster related needs;
- Creating linkages for member CBOs to government emergency management agencies at all levels;
- Providing reports on disaster impact to member CBOs, government, the media, and other stakeholders;
- Participating actively to represent LA County CBOs in Southern California VOAD and National VOAD.

Cooperation, Communication, Coordination, Collaboration

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