

ENLA NEWSLETTER



Spring 2023

SHOUT-OUT CORNER

Thank you to the



**African Communities
Public Health Coalition**

for their wonderful presentation on mental health on March 30th! The presentation was given by Alpha Timbo and focused on common mental health conditions in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Thank you to the City of LA



for hosting a conversation at the EOC on how faith-based organizations can better prepare for disasters. This is a quarterly meeting, so if you would like more information about how to participate, reach out!

If you or your organization is interested in speaking with the ENLA membership, please contact Kayla at kayla@enla.org.

A NEW WAY TO CONNECT

Welcome to the first edition of the ENLA Newsletter! As an organization, we strive to find better ways to connect to our members, partners, and communities. The ENLA Newsletter will serve as a mechanism for highlighting recent successes, promoting upcoming trainings, and providing another forum to share information. If your organization has something to share for the next issue, please reach out to ENLA's new Program Director at kayla@enla.org.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

AWR-356 Community Planning for Disaster Recovery (April 27, Los Angeles) - <https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training/delivery/3353/>

Amateur Radio Training and Licensing (May 6, Arcadia) - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/amateur-radio-training-and-licensing-tickets-590259210187>

Crisis Communications Boot Camp 26 (June 8-9, NYC) - <https://www.theworld.com/event/crisis-communications-boot-camp-26>

FEMA Hazus Training (June 12-16, Newport Beach) - <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/8f7e7cb7f94643e584b737d2ba14efdb>

PSPR2 Seminar Series (dates vary, next one is May 18, virtual) - <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/pspr2-seminar-series-1751269>

AWR-136 Essentials of Community Cybersecurity (August 9, Los Angeles) - <https://teex.org/class/AWR136/>

AWR-376 Understanding Targeted Cyber-Attacks (August 9-10, Los Angeles) - <https://teex.org/class/AWR376/>

GEARING UP FOR SUMMER

Summer is just around the corner and that means more sun, less water, and more heat! Last year, the US experienced its third hottest summer on record, according to Climate Central. With the heat, LA County residents may experience more heat-prone illnesses and may face a higher risk of exposure to wildfires. Please share the following links with your communities to help build awareness and prepare for the summer:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Protecting Disproportionately Affected Populations from Extreme Heat
<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/specificgroups.html>
- The Humane Society of the United States – Keep Pets Safe in the Heat
<https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/keep-pets-safe-heat>
- Wildfire Risk to Communities – an interactive tool for determining wildfire risk
<https://wildfirerisk.org>



Kayla with her horse, Ricky.

NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Kayla Kelly-Slatten is excited to rejoin the nonprofit community as the Program Director for ENLA. Prior to ENLA, Kayla spent time as a project manager for American Conservation Experience and as director of operations for Conservation Corps of Long Beach. She served as an environmental floodplain specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), deployed to assist in the response and recovery of the 2019/2020 Oregon wildfires and severe winter storms. Kayla then went on to manage a variety of community engagement and risk communications projects at Kearns & West, including federal contracts with FEMA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. With a background in grant writing and project implementation, Kayla is looking forward to helping ENLA develop a holistic approach to internal operations, capacity building, and membership growth while maintaining ENLA's strong community-centric emergency readiness network. Kayla comes to ENLA with a bachelor of science in environmental sciences, a juris doctor from Pennsylvania State University, and with an active Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) license.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

ENLA depends on its collaborative partners and members. The more we exchange ideas and information, the stronger our network is and the better prepared we are to respond in the event of a disaster. Here are a number of ways for you to get involved with ENLA:

1. **Become a Member** – If you are not already, we encourage you to join us as a member. Your organization will have access to trainings, resources, and a network of knowledge. To apply, please visit this link – <https://enla.org/join-us/>.
2. **Present at a Membership Meeting** – If you are interested in presenting on a relevant topic, have a recommendation for a topic or speaker, or would like to contribute information, please complete the following Google Form – <https://forms.gle/GxyXDgkLigCKqPas9>. All ideas are welcome!
3. **Sit on a Committee** – We are reactivating many of our committees, including Communications, Donation Management, Emotional and Spiritual Care, Mass Care, Recovery, Volunteer Management, and Development. If you would like to join a committee, please reach out to Kayla at kayla@enla.org.
4. **Highlight a Training** – If your organization is hosting a training or would like to promote a training, please email Kayla at kayla@enla.org.
5. **Bring a Friend** – If you know of an organization that may be interested in becoming a member but is on the fence, please bring them to a Membership Meeting. Reach out to Kayla at kayla@enla.org to add your Friend to the calendar invite!
6. **Follow Us on Social Media** – Links are below. Please follow ENLA for information on upcoming trainings and community events.

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