



ENLA Fact Sheet

Who We Are

Emergency Network Los Angeles, Inc. (ENLA) is a network of nonprofits, community and faith-based organizations (CBOs and FBOs) based in Los Angeles County. Collectively these organizations provide assistance to individuals, families, communities, 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 private sector for preparedness, response to, and recovery from disasters in Los Angeles County by facilitating the 4 Cs of emergency management: cooperation, communication, coordination, and 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 and faith-based organizations for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

Our Organization

ENLA is a California nonprofit 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 part of the State and National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster movement.

Our Membership

Voting membership is open to nonprofit, 501(c)3 organizations. Each member organization retains its own identity and independence. Government organizations and private sector 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 and FBOs provide mentoring to each other and share best practices.

Our Activities

- Establishing contact and maintaining liaison with member CBOs and FBOs prior to and following disasters.
- Facilitating improved staff and agency preparedness for member organizations 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 preparedness resources, 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 organizations to government emergency management agencies at all levels.
- Providing reports on disaster impact to member organizations, government, the media, and other stakeholders.
- Participating actively to represent LA County CBOs and FBOs in the California VOAD and National VOAD.

Cooperation • Communication • Coordination • Collaboration

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