

## Join our Team

If you are with a **faithbased, community-based** or other **non-governmental organization** with a local or regional focus of service, please consider joining our COAD. We are particularly looking for individuals representing agencies and services providers with expertise in any of the following areas:

- Animal Care
- Case Management
- Food Resources
- Health Services
- Referral Services
- Sheltering
- Transportation
- Volunteer Management
- Vulnerable Populations

## How to participate in COAD:

- 1. Stay Informed:** Sign up for the COAD email update including news and meeting alerts.
- 2. Register as a Resource:** Complete a Resource Registry Form to include how your organization can help after a disaster strikes.
- 3. Become a Member:** Attend meetings and vote on COAD issues.

# Plan. Prepare. Get Involved.

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# Community Organizations Active in Disaster in Boone, Howard, Merrick, and Nance Counties

**East Central (EC)-COAD** serves as an organizational network of representatives from public, private and not-for-profit agencies.

**EC-COAD's mission** is to enhance the community's ability to mitigate, prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from large-scale disasters, thus ensuring that human needs in a disaster situation are evaluated and addressed.



## What does COAD do?

All disasters begin locally and end locally. **Community Organizations Active in Disaster** are dedicated to helping a community make the best of its resources in a disaster by creating local relations *prior* to an event in order to ensure that human needs probable in a disaster situation are assessed and met.

COAD does not offer direct services, but **provides a network** through which individual member agencies can more effectively fulfill their mission during all four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

COAD members maintain their autonomy while working to reduce duplication of services and other inefficiencies



## COAD Goals

- ❑ **Identify** those community organizations and resources that can be called upon when a disaster strikes.
- ❑ **Facilitate** communication & coordination among these organizations that want to help when help is needed.
- ❑ Successfully **link** needs to services during disaster recovery efforts.



## What is the Role of COAD in a Disaster?

**The COAD assists in times of need by:**

- **Sharing** resources and information between organizations and individuals involved in response and recovery efforts.
- **Recruiting** more individuals/organizations into COAD to ensure that appropriate resources are available when a disaster occurs
- Fostering **cooperation** between volunteers, organizations and first responder agencies
- **Coordinating** human services to reach the unmet needs of disaster survivors
- **Receiving and distributing** donated goods as needed.

## Benefits of Membership?

By joining COAD, you will get to participate in emergency training exercises, support volunteer and donation management programs, and identify gaps in services to vulnerable populations.