LAPAID
Linn Area Partners Active in Disaster

What is LAP-AID?

Linn Area Partners Active in Disaster (LAP-AID) is made up of more than 40 health and human service providers and other key community organizations. Partners share resources and collaborate to build a better-prepared response to disaster by reducing duplicated services and inefficiencies. LAP-AID itself is not a service entity. It is a collaboration of human service partners who voluntarily participate to help coordinate resources in disaster response. Teams, led by different LAP-AID partner agencies, help during response and recovery. These teams include*:

- Child Care
- Disaster Case Management
- Donation - Fund/$$ Support
- Food
- Information and Referral
- Legal/Personal Finance
- Medical Care

- Mental Health
- Temporary Shelter
- Transportation
- Volunteer Coordination
- Vulnerable Populations (multi-lingual or culturally specific needs, older adults, etc.)

* Can change depending on the needs created in the individual disaster

When does LAP-AID start to work for the community?

LAP-AID is activated by the Linn County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) when a disaster strikes and help is needed. When activated, LAP-AID supports Emergency Support Function 6 - Mass Care, Housing and Human Services (ESF 6) but is not the sole entity supporting these operations. LAP-AID's goal is to improve emergency communications between the EMA and nonprofits, expedite response, improve management of volunteers, and provide resources for long-term recovery.

LAP-AID works with agencies that provide services. LAP-AID, as an organization, is not a service provider. Nonprofits are not mandated to join, but participate voluntarily to identify, coordinate and/or create the best solutions available in real time during short term recovery after a disaster.

Pandemic Response

As early as March 13, 2020, many LAP-AID partner agencies began responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Main areas of response:

Derecho Response

LAP-AID response to the derecho happened quickly. On August 11, 2020, partner agencies went above and beyond the normal duties of an ESF 6 entity in response and recovery. Partners worked on:

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