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**NE211 Web Site a Source for Emergency Preparedness Information**

LINCOLN, Neb. (August 23, 2007) – September is National Preparedness Month 2007, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Nebraskans can go to [www.ne211.org](http://www.ne211.org), an online resource for statewide human services information, to find out about local area emergency preparedness programs and response training (suggested keywords: *emergency preparedness; county emergency services; disaster warnings; emergency communications*). The NE211.org Web site also includes a “Homeland Security” link to the Department of Homeland Security’s preparedness Web site, [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), where additional preparedness resources can be found.

NE211.org is the web-based sister to 2-1-1, the three-digit phone service that connects callers looking for human services information to a certified resource specialist. Residents of 36 Nebraska counties and eight counties in southwest Iowa can dial 2-1-1. Interpretation assistance for more than 150 languages is offered to those calling the 2-1-1 Resource Call Center. Resource information is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through both the Web site and dial 2-1-1.

“Through 2-1-1 Nebraskans have two convenient ways to find disaster preparedness information -- on-line at [www.ne211.org](http://www.ne211.org) and dial 2-1-1,” said Nancy Shank, the associate director of the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center. “Both are free and confidential and include information on specific programs that provide such services as food pantries, shelter, support groups, counseling, financial assistance, job training, adult day care, respite care, child care, family support, disaster relief, and volunteer opportunities.”

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