



Community Organizations Active in Disaster

Hamilton County is starting a COAD and you're invited!

Come learn how you can help our community prepare for and recover from disasters.

Details: Tuesday, Oct. 17th, 2023 | 1-2:30 pm | 2111 Dana Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45207

To RSVP: Scan the QR code or email Allison.ferreri@hamiltoncountyohio.gov



What is a COAD?

A Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) is a collaborative group of organizations that want to help our community during and after a disaster. COADs exist across the United States and play an important role in disaster response and recovery.

Who should join the COAD?

The Hamilton County COAD is open to any non-profits, businesses, faith-based organizations, community groups, and similar partners who want to help care for Hamilton County in a disaster. Organizations do not have to have emergency response experience to join; any group interested in helping and collaborating with other organizations is welcome to become a member.

What does the COAD do?

The Hamilton County COAD itself does not provide services, but its member organizations do in their respective sectors. The COAD's function is to proactively bring organizations together so organizations have experience and a framework for working together effectively to address challenges in a disaster.

The COAD gives space for organizations to share their expertise and amplify the needs of the people they serve. By bringing diverse voices to the table, the COAD plays a critical role in engaging and advocating for all community members in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

Benefits of Joining the COAD

There is no cost to join the COAD and there are many benefits, including:

- Priority access to information and resources in an emergency response
- Networking opportunities and increased visibility with other community organizations
- Advocacy opportunities for your sector and your constituents
- Input on county-level emergency planning and decision making
- Improved connections with local government partners
- A role in creating a safer and more resilient community

For more information:

Contact Hamilton County Mass Care Coordinator, Alli Ferreri, at Allison.Ferreri@hamiltoncountyohio.gov or call (513) 910-1096. For general information on similar groups around the county, [visit nvoad.org](http://visitnvoad.org).