Federal Emergency Management Agency
2012 Community Resilience Innovation Challenge Grant
Hawai‘i Emergency Preparedness System of Supports
Feeling Safe Being Safe Project
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROJECTS

- **FEMA** – June 2013 – May 2014: $34,708
- **Department of Health - Developmental Disability Division** contract June 2011–August 2013: $1,499,709
- **Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities** – July 2009 – October 2012: $250,000
PURPOSE OF HI-EPSS

To support persons with access and functional needs (PAFN)

- Provide information about emergency preparedness to:
  - Self-advocates, family members, caregivers
  - Community members: elderly, seniors companions, waiver providers,

- Provide information about special needs to:
  - First responders – Fire Department
  - Emergency management personnel
    Civil Defense Agency, City & County
THINK, PLAN, DO

Feeling Safe Being Safe Curriculum

- Designed by self-advocates to educate individuals with disabilities about emergency situations
- People with AFN become prepared and learn to take a leadership role as content experts and trainers
- Uses a tiered approach to training
  - Train the trainer model
  - Self Advocate is the trainer assisted by a facilitator
THE PEOPLE AND MATERIALS
IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

- Individuals who have a disability teach and motivate others
  - Educated over 2,000 people in 3 yrs.
  - Surveyed 650 individuals and family members on perceived preparedness
- Individuals previously considered ‘vulnerable’ are now considered community resources.
“THEY ARE NOT CHANGING MY LIFE – I’M CHANGING THEIR LIFE”

~SARAH AHINA