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Center for Disability and Special Needs Preparedness Changes Name to Inclusive Preparedness Center

June 5, 2009, Washington, DC – The Center for Disability and Special Needs Preparedness (DPC) announced the name change to the Inclusive Preparedness Center (IPC) today. The name change more accurately reflect the diversity of the services IPC provides, and recognizes vulnerable individuals may be members of populations with diverse needs in a disaster.

“IPC will continue to provide the same services as DPC did and I believe this name change reflects our long standing commitment to identifying individuals who are vulnerable in a disaster based on their functional limitations such as maintaining independence, communication, transportation, supervision and medical care”, stated IPC President Dr. Carl Cameron.

The Center works to include everyone in emergency planning, response and recovery – particularly those more vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters. Disasters can include pandemics, terrorist attacks, floods, power outages, hurricanes, blizzards and tornados. In most cases emergency plans fail to consider the specific needs of persons who are the most vulnerable and require extra support while evacuating or sheltering in place.

A US Department of Homeland Security National Training Partner, IPC provides planning resources to assist local, regional, state and national organizations in developing plans for people who need specialized communication, transportation, and medical supports. The Center specializes in diagnostic tools, planning guides and training materials for emergency responders, non profit agencies, service providers, and individuals who may be vulnerable.

More information about workshops/conferences, planning activities, research/evaluation, and curriculum development can be found at www.inclusivepreparedness.org or by calling 202-338-7158.

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