The Categories Checklist

**Economic Disadvantage**

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|  | Living at or under the poverty line, including those who have been in poverty for at least two generations |
|  | Homeless |
|  | Medicaid recipients |
|  | Working poor with limited resources, often working multiple jobs |
|  | Single mothers and sole caregivers |
|  | Low wage workers in multiple jobs |
|  | Ethnic and racial minorities |

**Language and Literacy** (limited English proficiency, low literacy or non-English speaking groups):

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|  | Spanish |
|  | Asian and Pacific Island languages (Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese, Hmong, Khmer, Lao, Thai, Tagalog, Dravidian, Polynesian and Micronesian languages) |
|  | Other Indo-European languages (Germanic, Scandinavian, Slavic, Romance French, Italian), Indic, Celtic, Baltic, Iranian, and Greek languages) |
|  | All other languages (Uralic and Semitic languages as well as indigenous languages of the Americas) |
|  | Sign Languages/American Sign Language (ASL) |
|  | Limited language proficiency (read, write) in native language |
|  | Foreign visitors |
|  | Illegal/undocumented immigrants |
|  | Immigrants/refugees |

**Medical Issues and Disability**

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|  | | Blind and/or visually impaired | |
|  | | Deaf and/or hard of hearing | |
|  | | Developmentally disabled | |
|  | | Mobility impaired | |
|  | | Medically dependent (life support/medical equipment) | |
|  | | Chronic disease/infirm | |
|  | | Diagnosed with HIV/AIDS | |
|  | | Immune-compromised | |
|  | | Drug and/or alcohol dependent (perhaps not in treatment) | |
|  | | Diagnosed with mental illness and/or substance abuse | |
|  | | Mentally ill or having brain disorders/injuries | |
|  | | Chronic pain | |
|  | | Non-hospitalized patients: | |
|  | | Require renal dialysis | |
|  | | Require supplemental oxygen | |
|  | | Require daily medication (e.g., insulin, antihypertensive agents, narcotics, antipsychotics) | |
|  | | Receiving chemotherapy for cancer treatment | |
|  | | Clinically depressed individuals who may be unable to follow directions | |
|  | | Stroke patients with limited mobility and additional care requirements | |
|  | | Pregnant women | |
|  | | People recuperating at home from acute injury (e.g., broken bones, recent surgery, back injury, burns) | |
|  | | Individuals who do not identify as visually impaired, but would be impaired if they were to lose their glasses during an emergency. | |

**Isolation** (cultural, geographic, or social)

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|  | Homebound elderly |
|  | Homeless people |
|  | People living alone |
|  | Sole caregivers |
|  | Single individuals without extended family |
|  | Low-income people |
|  | People living in remote rural areas with spotty or no reception of mass media |
|  | People living in shelters (e.g., homeless people, runaways, or battered persons) |
|  | Undocumented immigrants |
|  | People dependent on public transportation |
|  | Rural and urban ethnic groups |
|  | Religious communities (e.g., Amish, Mennonite) |
|  | Seasonal or temporary populations and those in temporary locations |
|  | Commuters |
|  | People displaced by a disaster |
|  | Schools: students, teachers, administrators, and employees at schools, universities, and boarding schools |
|  | Seasonal migrant workers |
|  | Seasonal tourists, residents, and workers |
|  | People isolated by recreational activity (e.g., primitive campers or backpackers) |
|  | Truckers, pilots, railroad engineers, and other transportation workers |
|  | Military personnel |
|  | Campers and staff at residential summer camps |

**Age**

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|  | Elderly, with limited strength, but not disabled |
|  | Senior citizens |
|  | Infants |
|  | Mothers with newborns |
|  | Teens, school-age children, latchkey children |
|  | Families with children who have health care needs |
|  | Grandparents who are guardians of grandchildren |