

Prepare/Respond/Serve

When you plan for a future emergency, you help your organization realize its mission in the face of everyday challenges. Executive Service Corps of Washington's PRS Program provides emergency planning assistance.

Emergency Planning

Planning prepares your organization to respond to an emergency and return to operations after a crisis. Having an emergency plan helps an organization maintain its mission through utility outages, flooding, severe weather, funding ups and downs, pandemic illness, sudden staff changes, or everyday disruptions. PRS also improves preparation for planned or unplanned leadership succession.

Nonprofits with PRS plans include senior centers, low income housing, community centers, human services and youth development groups. PRS can be customized to fit organizations of all sizes and types.



How It Works

The PRS assessment tool allows your organization to measure its level of preparedness before and after the program. PRS also provides a detailed Planning Guide. Our consultants walk your team through the planning process facilitate meetings, write portions of the plan and keep the project on schedule.

Your plan will include an emergency mission that defines your organization's role in an emergency; training needs, a communication plan and mutual assistance agreements, needed supplies and equipment, and planning for a return to service.

**To find out how prepared you are take our
FREE PRS Mini-Assessment at:
<http://www.escwa.org/services/prs.shtml>**

Service Corps

Executive Service Corps (ESC) of Washington provides a full range of management consulting services and for nonprofits and schools. Our staff consultants and service corps members are experts in board development, human resources, organizational development, nonprofit finances, program management, public relations, bookkeeping services and leadership coaching are also available.

Support

Planning support is provided by ESC service corps consultants trained in the PRS program. The consultants will review the results of the PRS assessment and identify the organization's critical services, staffing needs, and facility issues.

As your organization works through the PRS Guide, the ESC consultants will provide 40 to 80 hours of assistance. Consultants will facilitate planning meetings, help you develop policies and assemble a "Go-Kit", and prepare the written emergency plan.



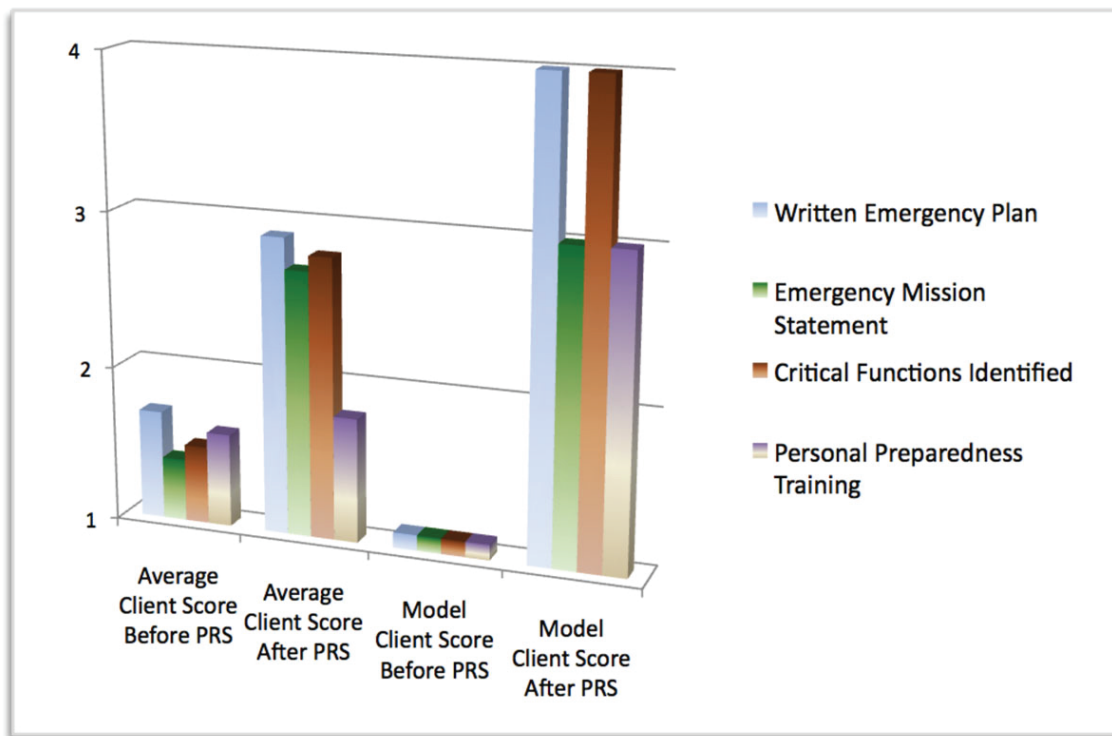
Thanks to the assistance provided by ESC, we're in much better shape to continue to provide a much needed service to our community in the event of a large or small emergency. I have confidence that we'll be up and operational again as soon as possible.

Sallie Neille
Executive Director

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The PRS assessment measures 46 elements of preparedness and describes levels 1-4 so that the organization can accurately assess its preparedness level. PRS was shown to benefit organizations of all sizes. In fact, the model client shown below is an organization with less than 10 employees. In 2009-2010 United Way of King County funded the development of PRS plans for 16 organizations. The impact of PRS is demonstrated by the before and after planning scores shown below for four elements in the assessment:

Before and After Planning Scores



PEOPLE'S
MEMORIAL
ASSOCIATION

This process was most helpful to our organization in really helping us to prepare for any eventuality. We feel so much better prepared than we could have ever been without ESC. I highly recommend it for every organization.

John Eric Rolfstad
Executive Director



PRS volunteer consultants enjoy an informative visit from the Seattle Fire Department.