



Training Bulletin- 2013

Functional Assessment Service Team – FAST Program

DATES/LOCATIONS:

Alameda County –Berkeley– January 31 – February 1

Sacramento County - Sacramento - March 20-21

Santa Clara County- San Jose - April 2 & 3

Los Angeles & Orange County- Santa Fe Springs – April 10 & 11

Marin County- San Rafael – June 6 & 7

Fresno County – (dates and location TBD.)

Course Topics:

- ⊗ FAST Shelter Operations
- ⊗ Resource Request Process
- ⊗ Emergency Management
- ⊗ Roles and Responsibilities
- ⊗ Preparation and Response
- ⊗ Recovery: Transition and Demobilization
- ⊗ Practical Application –Table Top Exercise

FAST consist of trained government and non-government personnel ready to respond to disaster areas to work in emergency shelters. FAST members work with emergency response personnel to conduct assessments of people with access and functional needs (PAFN) in emergency shelters. FAST members facilitate the process of getting resources needed by the people with access and functional needs. These resources may include durable medical equipment, consumable medical supplies, prescribed medications, or a person to assist with activities of daily living. ***FAST members must possess the knowledge, skills and abilities to work in their area of specialty, as well as a minimum of two years experience working with and assessing the needs of people with disabilities or access and functional needs.***

A fully-staffed FAST has members with experience in the following areas: aging (services/supports, including dietary needs), chronic health needs, developmental and cognitive disabilities (i.e. traumatic brain injury), hearing loss, vision loss, mental health disabilities, physical disabilities, and substance abuse issues.

To be considered for this 2-day (16 hrs) course, applicants should complete the application and fax/email it to 916-651-8884 or kim.sackman@dss.ca.gov. The most qualified applicants will be selected and notified with the location and start time for the class as well as suggested steps to prepare for the class. Applications must be received no later than three weeks prior to the beginning of the class to be considered for a space in the course.

Admittance to this course will be limited to those individuals who are ready to commit to becoming a FAST member. After attending the course and passing the post-test, all FAST members will have to pass a background check before being credentialed as a FAST member.

Please review the additional information about FAST provided in the “FAST Frequently Asked Questions” prior to submitting the information sheet. This information can be accessed at: <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/dis/PG1909.htm>