## **Community Assessment for Accessible Rural Events**



For indoor and outdoor events

Accessibility Item		Have you addressed this item?	Steps to take:
Planning and Promotion	People with disabilities involved in event planning.	Yes No N/A	
	All promotion and event programs and materials in accessible formats (large print, text-only, captioning, interpreters, etc.).	Yes No N/A	
	Promotional materials advertise accessibility features of event.	Yes	
	Staff and volunteers have basic awareness training on how to assist people with disabilities during event and in emergencies.	Yes	
Parking	Enough accessible parking, and it is clearly marked.	Yes	

	Accessibility Item	Have you addressed this item?	Steps to take:
Entrances and Doorways	Clearly marked accessible entrances.	Yes No N/A	
	Doorways/entrances wide enough for walkers, wheelchairs, and other mobility equipment. No revolving doors. Nothing blocking entrances or doors.	Yes No N/A	
	Door handles are levers or u-shaped.	Yes No N/A	
Pathways	Ramps at all steps and over uneven surfaces. Handrails on all stairs.	Yes	
	Pathways to all services and activities flat and unblocked.	Yes No N/A	
Bathrooms	Enough clearly marked accessible bathrooms on-site and near all event activities. Path to bathroom unblocked and wheelchair accessible.	Yes No N/A	
	Accessible toileting and feeding/watering areas for service animals.	Yes No N/A	
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	Accessibility Item	Have you addressed this item?	Steps to take:
Event Space	Clearly identified roving event staff present to assist with accessibility issues during the event.	Yes	
	Any events with sound effects, flashing lights or strobes, smoke machines, etc. clearly marked.	Yes	
	Areas are well lit and have adjustable lighting. Sound system is adjustable. Microphones are available to the audience during Q & A sessions.	Yes No N/A	
	Accessible seating set up in a way that is inclusive. Front row seating reserved for people with vision and hearing impairments.	Yes No N/A	
	Designated area for people experiencing sensory overload to rest away from noise, lights, and other commotion. Area is fragrance-free.	Yes	
	Tables are at usable height and have enough space for people in wheelchairs and power chairs.	Yes	
Food	Food sensitivities and allergies addressed. Alternative options available and clearly labeled.	Yes	



For more information and resources on event accessibility, check out the

**Community Assessment for Accessible Rural Events (CAARE) Toolkit.** 

Find it online by visiting www.rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/ community-assessment-for-accessiblerural-events

## Accessibility items in this quick assessment have been adapted from the following resources:

- Feedback from members of the Association of Programs for Independent Living (APRIL) and Centers for Independent Living
- The Alberta Urban Municipalities Association. (2017). Measuring inclusion tool. Edmonton, AB: Alberta Urban Municipalities Association.
- Disability Rights Wisconsin. (2004). Self assessment tool for ensuring access for people with disabilities. Harrisburg, PA: Safe Housing Partnerships.
- Social Inclusion Week of Australia. (2017). Event accessibility checklist. Social Inclusion Week of Australia.
- Event accessibility checklist Social Inclusion Week Australia Commission on Disability Rights. (n.d.). Planning accessible meetings and events: A toolkit.



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