

TEACH FORWARD™

Safety Without Barriers™

Every Child. Every Plan. Every Emergency.

MISSION

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Teach Forward exists to ensure that children with disabilities and diverse support needs are fully included in emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and reunification planning.

Through education, training, advocacy, and practical tools, we help schools, families, first responders, and communities build safety systems that work for everyone.

VISION

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A future where no child is overlooked during an emergency because of disability, communication differences, mobility needs, medical complexity, or access barriers.

CORE BELIEF

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Safety is only effective when it is accessible.

When schools plan for the most vulnerable learners, safety improves for everyone.

SIGNATURE FRAMEWORK

Inclusive School Safety Framework™

A comprehensive approach to disability-inclusive emergency preparedness built around equity, accessibility, collaboration, and action.

SUPPORTING MODEL

FORWARD Framework™

F	Find the Need Identify disability-related safety needs before an emergency occurs.
O	Observe Barriers Examine physical, communication, sensory, and procedural barriers.
R	Respond Inclusively Develop supports that address individual needs.
W	Work Collaboratively Partner with families, educators, support staff, and emergency responders.
A	Adapt for Access Modify plans, drills, communication systems, and environments.
R	Review and Practice Conduct inclusive drills and continuous improvement reviews.
D	Document and Improve Track outcomes, update plans, and strengthen preparedness over time.