

FAST – Functional Assessment Service Team

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What is FAST?

- California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has lead responsibility for supporting local governments in mass care sheltering
- In May 2006 CDSS began planning efforts for FAST in aftermath of Hurricane Katrina
- Group of CDSS trained and certified county and CBO staff with two years experience working with individuals with disabilities and/or individuals with access and functional needs
- Purpose: FAST members work in collaboration with shelter staff to identify shelter resident needs and request resources
- Goal: Successful Integration

Alameda County FAST

- Alameda County FAST formed in 2013 – first FAST training at Ed Roberts Campus
- Seven mutual aid deployments
- Three shelter exercises
- 33 FAST members: 8 SSA staff, 12 CBO staff, 3 other County departments, 10 Public Health staff
- Four certified FAST leaders

Lessons Learned



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- Seven Alameda County FAST Deployments:
- Napa Earthquake (2014)
- Lake County Fires (2015)
- Clayton Fires (2016)
- Oroville Dam (2017)
- Anderson Dam (2017)
- Detwiler Fire (2017)
- North Bay Fires (2017)

