



Marcie Roth

Marcie Roth was appointed by President Obama to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Washington, DC in June 2009. She serves as Senior Advisor to Administrator Fugate and Director of the FEMA Office of Disability Integration and Coordination, leading the national transformation towards integrating the access and functional needs of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of whole community emergency and disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. In her role as a member of the senior leadership team at FEMA, her responsibilities span the work of the Agency and with a primary focus on guiding the development and implementation of operational plans, analytical products, and training exercises as well as advising response and recovery operations nationally and in all Regions to support inclusive whole community approaches during and after disasters. Ms. Roth also leads the work of the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council on Emergency Preparedness and Individuals with Disabilities which is Chaired by FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate.

Ms. Roth served as a senior member of the Obama for America - Disability Policy Committee during the 2007-2008 presidential campaign and served on President Obama's Justice and Civil Rights Transition Team.

Ms. Roth joined FEMA after serving as President and CEO of Global Disability Solutions Group, leading national and international initiatives with a focus on emergency management and disability issues. Ms. Roth's undergraduate studies were in Special Education and Public Policy and her early career included guiding school systems and local and state governments towards successful community inclusive practices. Over the past 20 years she held senior leadership positions with the National Coalition for Disability Rights, National Spinal Cord Injury Association, National Council on Independent Living and TASH.

She is known for her work in developing and managing effective coalitions to advance public policy initiatives, and is frequently consulted as an expert on domestic and global strategic approaches that fully integrate whole community preparedness, response and recovery solutions. Ms. Roth led national private sector response to the additional needs of survivors with disabilities during and after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and she was commended by the White House for her efforts on behalf of New Yorkers with disabilities in the aftermath of the 2001 terrorist attacks. She lives outside Washington, DC.