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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The National Migration Conference (USCCB/CLINIC), July 28-31, Washington, DC

--> <http://www.nationalmigrationconference.org/conference.html>

RefugeeWorks Employment Training Institute

Manchester, New Hampshire

Focus: Employment Strategies from A-Z

August 19-20, 2008

Host: International Institute of New Hampshire

This workshop is designed to bring experienced refugee employment professionals together with newcomers in the field, enabling both sides to learn from each other. Attend this training and learn the essential skills of an effective workforce development specialist. Seasoned professionals will be encouraged to share their secrets of success with new colleagues from across the country. Topics will include marketing, career upgrading, employment obstacles and more.

--> <http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/ETIRegistration2008.pdf>

NEW RESOURCES

New Refugee Resettlement Mapping Web site

The U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement and the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration recently launched the Refugee Resettlement Mapping Web site. The site provides interactive maps to locations in the United States where refugees, asylees, Cuban/Haitian entrants and victims of human trafficking are initially served. These interactive maps can be most readily used by third-parties such as service providers and planners supporting refugees, businesses, and economic developers.

--> <http://www.careeronestop.org/refugeemap>

New Employment Authorization Documents, Valid for 2 Years

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has announced that beginning on June 30, 2008 it will issue Employment Authorization Documents (EAD) valid for two years. The new two-year EAD is only available to individuals who have filed to become lawful permanent residents (LPR) using Form I-485 (the Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status), and filing for employment authorization under Section 274.a.12(c)(9) of Title 8 but who have been unable to become LPRs because an immigrant visa number is not currently available. For more information on Employment Authorization Documents please contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at (800) 375-5283, or review the USCIS Employment Authorization Documents web page at:

--> <http://www.uscis.gov>.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office released a new report, entitled "Employment Verification: Challenges Exist in Implementing a Mandatory Electronic Employment Verification System." The full report is available on the GAO's website:

--> <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d08895t.pdf>

Career Development

Sector Initiatives and Community Colleges: Working Together to Provide Education for Low-Wage Working Adults (Aspen Institute, April 2007)

--> <http://www.aspenwsi.org/publications/07-009.pdf>

Social Networking

Hometown Associations: An Untapped Resource for Immigrant Integration? (Migration Policy Institute, July 2008)

--> <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/pubs/Insight-HTAs-July08.pdf>

Resettlement Resources

Refugee Program Eligibility Guide for Service Providers.

This resource guide features commonly used employment authorization and immigration documents as well as ORR Memos (Florida Department of Children and Families 2008 - 247 pages)

--> <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/refugee/publications/webguide/masterguide.pdf>

Refugees in the News

New chapters in life. MBS Textbook Exchange offers refugees, immigrants a chance to work. (The Columbia Daily Tribune, July 8, 2008)

<http://www.columbiatribune.com/2008/Jul/20080708Busi003.asp>

Alive and Kicking. Thanks to a remarkable woman, young war refugees from three continents have found a new home on a soccer team in Georgia (Sports Illustrated, June 23, 2008)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/4glelx>

Factories Turn to Refugee Workers After Government Crackdown, A Texas Town Taps Burmese (The Wallstreet Journal, June 6, 2008)

<http://tinyurl.com/5kwyk4>

“Lost Boys of Sudan Go to College in America”

--> <http://tinyurl.com/6c7u2l>

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