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PRINT NEWSLETTER

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Issue #29: Finding Work in Hard Times

Launching a Community Newspaper in Tough Times

Accessing Stimulus Funds

Finding Industry-Specific Jobs

Partnerships that Pay Off

Working with Big-Box Stores

Re-Thinking Temp Agencies

Breaking the Ice with New Employers

Peer Mentoring

Recession Questions & Answers

--> http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews_29.pdf

CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

Resumes and Cultural Bias: How Many Qualified Candidates Has Your Company Screened Out?

(hireimmigrants.ca, May 26, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/oz936g>

ECONOMY

A Rough Landing (Chronicle of Philanthropy, April 23, 2009)

--> <http://philanthropy.com/premium/articles/v21/i13/13001201.htm>

Despite economy, refugees still flock here (The News and Observer, May 24, 2009)

--> <http://www.newsobserver.com/news/story/1540378.html>

From Stimulus to System: Using the ARRA to Serve Disadvantaged Jobseekers (The Center for Law and Social Policy, April 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/out4mv>

Manpower's Talent Shortage Survey revealed that 30 percent of employers worldwide are having difficulty filling positions (Manpower, June 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/mn4f48>

Refugees 'had to flee their homes with very little'

--> <http://www.cnn.com/2009/US/05/11/rupp.qanda/>

Using Recovery Act Funds to Improve Direct Care Jobs and the Quality of Direct Care Services (March 2009, The Center for Economic and Policy Research)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/pyqkfl>

CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Using Increased Funding under the Workforce Investment Act to Create Multiple Pathways to Marketable Postsecondary Credentials and Middle-Class Employment (The Center for Law and Social Policy, April 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/r6lh6v>

GREEN JOBS

Economic weather ripe for community gardens (The Miami Herald, June 1, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/nb9vld>

The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration has announced its initial plans for awarding "green job training" funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Training and Employment Notice 44-08 summarizes these plans.

--> <http://tinyurl.com/p3lmzf>

Green Pathways out of Poverty through Partnerships and Recovery Conference Call (Green for All, June 4th, 2 p.m. EST)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/mypayh>

Connecting High-Poverty Areas with Green Jobs: Creative Partnerships with Access Points (U.S. Dept. of Labor/Workforce 3 One Webinar, June 18, 2009, 1 p.m. EST)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/p6def3>

RECERTIFICATION

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Career Guides for Immigrant Professionals. The Welcoming Center identified four high-growth industries in Pennsylvania and developed detailed career guides for each industry: accountant, mechanical engineer, systems analyst, and teacher (The Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians, 2009)

--> <http://welcomingcenter.org/about/publications.php>

How to Succeed in the Workplace: A Career Guide for the Immigrant Professional (The Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians, 2009)

<http://welcomingcenter.org/documents/HowToSucceed.pdf>

Upwardly Global has developed a website www.careersfornewamericans.org to help immigrant professionals understand the licensing process for 10 careers regulated in Illinois.

--> <http://tinyurl.com/o22zty>

LEGAL ISSUES

Attacks rattle refugees from Bhutan (The Denver Post, May 20, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/qp59xb>

More companies use immigration database (The Houston Chronicle, June 1, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/qwhbnv>

TANF

TANF Benefits Are Low and Have Not Kept Up With Inflation (The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, November 2008)

--> <http://www.cbpp.org/pdf/11-24-08tanf.pdf>

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