

# REFUGEE WORKS

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### E-NEWSLETTER

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## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Hello all,

We've been contacted by Labor Solutions LLC in West Virginia to recruit refugees for employment in meat-packing facilities in various states. We have not dealt with this organization in the past, and as part of our due diligence I am researching them. I'd appreciate any information or feedback from anybody who might have worked with them.

Thank you.

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## EDUCATION

Cultural Orientation for Children with Refugee Backgrounds. Interactive lessons on laws and safety, school rules and skills, social skills, money management, emotional health, claiming your culture, and family roles (BRYCS, 2009)

→ <http://www.brycs.org/documents/UtahCO.pdf>

## ENTREPRENEURS

Decatur to donate old banners for tote bag project (The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Aug. 4, 2009)

→ <http://tinyurl.com/nqt64j>

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Applying for the Department of Labor's Pathways Out of Poverty Grants (Green for All, Aug. 19, 2009)

→ <http://tinyurl.com/lcablw>

States for Good is a new grant program by Tom's of Maine, which is looking for non-profit community projects from all 50 states that demonstrate a true involvement in their local communities. Tom's of Maine will award \$20,000 to 50 separate community projects - one from each state. Grants may be used to pay for community events, projects, or program support. Apply online by 5 p.m. EST on Aug. 30 (thanks BRYCS, for the hat-tip)

→ <http://tinyurl.com/mqr2n7>

Recovery and Reemployment Research Conference will be held September 15-16, 2009 at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, D.C. (The Employment and Training Administration, Sept. 15-16, 2009)

→ <http://tinyurl.com/ncnb5y>

## HEALTHCARE CAREERS

Senior Centers, Nursing Homes Respond to Increased Diversity. More Retirees Find Facilities Speaking Their Language (The Washington Post, Aug. 26, 2009)

→ <http://tinyurl.com/mdkg4w>

## **HOUSING, JOBS & TRAINING**

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has recently engaged discussions with the HOPE NOW Alliance to ensure that the job, education and training resources available through the publicly-funded workforce system are made readily available through HOPE NOW website and that the customer service representatives at both the HOPE Hotline™ and the Department of Labor's toll-free number are able to refer unemployed homeowners to the appropriate resources in their communities (thanks SOAR for the hat-tip)

→ <http://www.careeronestop.org/reemployment>

→ <http://www.careeronestop.org/ReEmployment/Auto/>

## **IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION**

The U.S. Immigrant Integration Network allows those who assist immigrants and their children in joining the mainstream of U.S. society to share effective policies and practices (The Migration Policy Institute & The National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy, August 2009)

→ <http://immigrant-integration.ning.com/>

The Unemployment and Immigration Disconnect: Untying the Knot (Immigration Policy Center, 2009)

This report reviews data from the U.S. Census Bureau showing that immigrants do not “take” jobs away from many native-born workers, especially during economic hard times.

→ <http://tinyurl.com/noaowq>

## **IRAQI REFUGEES**

College in America for Iraqi Refugees (Public News Service - Illinois, August 2009)

→ <http://www.publicnewsservice.org/index.php?/content/article/9974-1>

Fact Sheet for Iraqi Refugees: 17 Things You Need to Know about Resettling in the United States (Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, 2009)

→ <http://tinyurl.com/mtrk72> (English)

→ <http://tinyurl.com/oejvqp> (Arabic)

Sisters working to help Iraqi women (The Dallas Morning News, Aug. 14, 2009)

→ <http://tinyurl.com/l2hwu5>

## **LEGAL ISSUES**

Labor Department to Tighten Scrutiny (The Wall Street Journal, Aug. 19, 2009)

→ <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB125064127552641791.html>

Michigan Chamber of Commerce Opposes Making Job Providers 'Immigration Police,' Urges House Committee To Reject E-verify Mandate (PR Newswire, Aug. 19, 2009)

→ <http://tinyurl.com/n55nul>

Petitions for US worker green cards down sharply (The Associated Press, Aug. 6, 2009)

→ <http://tinyurl.com/lbbskg>

U.S. Reopens Visa Program for Foreign Workers (The Wall Street Journal, Aug. 7, 2009)

→ <http://tinyurl.com/lueuqz>

## **OTHER NEWS**

Refugees Lose Three Inspiring Champions (The Huffington Post, Aug. 27, 2009)

→ <http://tinyurl.com/ngqwax>

Counselors help refugees adjust to new Utah home (The Salt Lake Tribune, Aug. 27, 2009)

→ [http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci\\_13210683](http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_13210683)

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