

# REFUGEE WORKS

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### E-NEWSLETTER

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### !! NEW REFUGEEWORKS PUBLICATIONS

Opportunities for Refugee Doctors and Nurses (RefugeeWorks Guide No. 3)

RefugeeWorks has released a guide for foreign-trained physicians and nurses who are seeking to practice their profession in the United States. It describes the structure, future and workforce composition of the medical and nursing professions, as well as the skills, training and credentials needed to advance in these fields. This guide is an essential resource for refugees, other newcomers, employment specialists, case managers and educators. Hard copies of the guide are available on request.

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yajash5>

--> [information@refugeeworks.org](mailto:information@refugeeworks.org) (request hard copies)

RefugeeWorks Employment Quarterly #31: Job Developers

--> [http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews\\_31.pdf](http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews_31.pdf)

### CONFERENCES & WEBINARS

Project SOAR/ORR Annual Grantee Workshop, "From Peer Community to Your Community" (International Rescue Committee & Nationalities Service Center - Feb. 8-10, 2010)

--> <http://www.soar2010.myevent.com>

2nd Annual Idaho Conference on Refugees (Boise State University - Feb. 11-12, 2010)

--> [http://www.idahorefugees.org/special\\_events/](http://www.idahorefugees.org/special_events/)

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT

An inside look at companies. Salaries, reviews, and interviews posted by employees (Glassdoor.com Blog)

--> <http://www.glassdoor.com/blog>

Opportunities for Refugee Engineers (RefugeeWorks Guide No. 1)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/l2blkq>

Opportunities for Refugee Teachers (RefugeeWorks Guide No. 2)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yddpzq2>

Program helps Iraqi refugees prepare for college in U.S. (The Racine Journal Times - Jan. 4, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ydqfd9d>

Somali woman opens Grand Forks center to help other refugees (The Grand Forks Herald - Jan. 5, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ye76m62>

### FUNDING

Assets for Independence Program Application - Question and Answers Call (U.S. Office of Community Services - Jan. 7, 2010 -1 p.m. EST)

--> Call-in Number: 888-390-4470; Passcode: AFI

--> [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/afi/afi\\_calendar.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/afi/afi_calendar.html)

--> First application is due on Jan. 15, 2010

Ethnic Community Self-Help Program Grants (The Office of Refugee Resettlement)

The average projected award amount is \$125,000 per budget period and 25 awards are available.

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycjb34g> (Feb. 24, 2010 deadline)

Technical Assistance Grants (Ethiopian Community Development Council, MAA Innovations in Technical Assistance; Application deadline is Jan. 22, 2010)  
Organization will receive customized TA assistance with values ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000.  
--> <http://www.ecdcinternational.org>  
--> Call (703) 685-0510 Ext. 260, or e-mail [mita@ecdcinternational.org](mailto:mita@ecdcinternational.org)

The Western Union Foundation Family Scholarship Program (The Institute of International Education)  
Recipients are eligible to receive scholarships in amounts of \$1,000 to \$5,000 per family.  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yll6z5k> (Feb. 5, 2010 deadline)

### **IRAQI REFUGEES**

Observations and Recommendations on the Resettlement Expectations of Iraqi Refugees in Lebanon, Jordan and Syria (International Catholic Migration Commission & UNHCR - June 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/y95fthe>

Summit Seeks Help for growing Refugee Population in East County (East County Magazine - Nov. 12, 2009)  
--> <http://www.eastcountymagazine.org/node/2234>

Support for Iraqi immigrants 'maxed out' (The San Diego Union-Tribune - Nov. 7, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycl89fo>

### **LABOR MARKET TRENDS**

Immigrant entrepreneurs spark Illinois economy through startups, innovation (Dec. 14, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycbokh5>

Nursing Offers a Healthy Employment Future (National Public Radio - Jan. 6, 2010)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ybseace>

The 10 industries with the largest wage and salary employment declines, 2008-18 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics - December 2009)  
--> <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecopro.t04.htm>

The employment projections for 2008-18 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics - January 2010)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yccg5vd>

### **LEGAL ISSUES**

As Wage Theft Rises, States and Cities Crack Down (The Associated Press - Dec. 17, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/yecvzex>

Jailing Refugees (Human Rights Watch - Dec. 29, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycg8xlw>

### **MARKETING**

Community-Based Organizations and Immigrant Integration in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Area (The Urban Institute - November 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ydm62b3>

"Next Door Neighbors," a series of documentaries films with a focus on the Bhutanese, Somalis, Kurds and Latinos living in Nashville, NT (Nashville Public Television - 2009)  
--> <http://wnpt.org/productions/nextdoorneighbors>

### **RESETTLEMENT NEWS**

Burmese influx drops as jobs become scarce (The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette - Dec. 26, 2009)  
--> <http://tinyurl.com/ydxfcju>

Immigrants and Welfare: Policy Constructions of Deservingness (Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies - December 2008)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycu6mqp> (registration is free)

Life in the Promised Land: Resettled Refugee Youth Struggle in the U.S. Case Study: Phoenix, Arizona (Women's Refugee Commission - October 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ydm85er>

Refugee Placement Calculator (ISED Solutions - January 2010)

The Calculator is a work in progress, and ISED Solutions continues to improve this concept.

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ydd44wn>

--> <http://www.ised.us/contact> (contact)

## **UNEMPLOYMENT RESOURCES**

Current benefits and local resources available to support unemployed workers (The National Employment Law Project's Unemployed Workers Project - 2010)

--> <http://unemployedworkers.org>

Meeting a Year of Extraordinary Challenges with Real Solutions for Working Families (The National Employment Law Project - December 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycwmgx7>

## **PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS**

Previous e-newsletters are now available for download from our website. The archive can be found in the section "RefugeeWorks E-Newsletter," at:

--> <http://www.refugeeworks.org/about/publications.html>

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