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REFUGEEWORKS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

RefugeeWorks is conducting two intensive Employment Training Institutes (ETI). Each will highlight a special topic (“Good Jobs in Hard Times” and “Investing in Education”) and cover a range of additional themes, such as computer-assisted employment search strategies, engaging employers, recertification, green jobs and marketing. In addition to these three-day national conferences, *RefugeeWorks* is able to tailor workshops to match your agency’s specific training needs. To invite *RefugeeWorks* to your location, email us at:

--> information@refugeeworks.org

1) Focus: Good Jobs in Hard Times

How does one go about uncovering hidden jobs (i.e. 80% of all jobs)? What strategies can be taken to diversify an agency’s employer base? Which industries are more resilient in hard times? And what about green jobs? Finally, *RefugeeWorks* will share best practice examples on strategies for generating new employer partnerships and pursuing funding for programs that help refugees find meaningful employment.

Where: St. Louis, Mo.

When: April 6-8, 2010

2) Focus: Investing in Education

How can we help refugees gain the education and training they need to enter and advance in the U.S. workforce? Front-line service providers and program managers will glean creative strategies for combining English language and skills training with new tools for assessment, best practices in recertification and community partnerships.

Where: Seattle, Wash.

When: Aug. 10-12, 2010

To register for an upcoming institute, download our calendar and registration form, at:

--> <http://refugeeworks.org/downloads/registration.pdf>

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: AGRICULTURAL JOBS FOR REFUGEES

I am preparing the *RefugeeWorks* March 2010 newsletter, which will focus on job opportunities in farming, food production and land management. Are your refugee clients being employed in these sectors? What positive experiences and challenges have you encountered, while interacting with this sector?

Stories (no more than 500 words) should be sent to Daniel Sturm at dsturm@refugeeworks.org, along with 1-2 large pictures. The submission deadline is February 15, 2010.

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT

\$100 million in green jobs training grants through Recovery Act (U.S. Department of Labor - Jan. 7, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/y8b4wdl> (overview)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yd9apng> (complete project description)

Job Training in a Jobless Recovery (Aspen Institute & Annie E. Casey Foundation - December 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yannq59>

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

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

--> information@refugeeworks.org (request hard copies)

CONFERENCES & WEBINARS

Annual Workshop for Supplemental Services for Recently Arrived Refugees and Ethnic Community Self Help Grantees (Project SOAR and U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement - Feb. 8-10, 2010)

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

Applying for Temporary Protected Status for Haitians in the U.S, Webinar Recording & PowerPoint (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service - Jan. 22, 2010)

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

Ethiopian Community Development Council's 16th National Conference, "African Refugees and Immigrants: Challenges, Changes, and Champions," (May 3-5, 2010; Arlington, Va.)

--> <http://www.ecdcinternational.org>

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

--> http://www.idahorefugees.org/special_events/

CULTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

14 cultural orientation lesson plans targeted for delivery to U.S.-bound Bhutanese refugees (IOM Nepal - 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/y854nny>

A modern tale of meatpacking and immigrants (The Los Angeles Times - Jan. 27, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/y8uvskb>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Closing the Skills Gap (The Center for Urban Future & The Community Service Society - January 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yb5jrgv>

Immigrants More Likely to Have Jobs Than Native Born: Report Foreign-born residents put more into economy than they take out of it, according to report (NBC Los Angeles - Jan. 27, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yh6r4mk>

In San Diego, fertile ground for the seeds of understanding (Los Angeles Times - Jan. 15, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ydjyfx5>

Keeping the dream alive: Immigrant biz owners find success in niche markets (New York Daily - Jan. 26, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yajl644>

Looking Forward: Immigrant Contributions to the Golden State 2010 (California Immigrant Policy Center - January 2010)

--> <https://caimmigrant.org/contributions.html>

The Role of Immigrants in the New York City Economy (New York State Comptroller - January 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ybme9x8>

EDUCATION

One World is Recruiting for Young Leaders Summer Programs in Cambodia, Uganda and Senegal (One World Foundation; June 1 - Aug. 1, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yde3h98> (Application deadline is Feb. 1, 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ybfx98l> (Scholarship Information)

Schools and Refugee-Serving Agencies: How to Start or Strengthen Collaboration (Bridging Refugee Youth and Children, 2010)

--> <http://www.brycs.org/publications/index.cfm#SCHOOLS>

Secondary Newcomer Programs in the U.S. (Center for Applied Linguistics, 2010)

CAL has published a searchable online database of newcomer programs in secondary schools in the United States.

--> <http://www.cal.org/CALWebDB/Newcomer/>

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Earned Income Tax Credit flyers in 21 languages, including Amharic, Arabic, Bosnian, Cambodian, Farsi, Haitian-Creole, Hmong, Lao, Russian, Somali, Ukrainian and Vietnamese (The Center for Budget Policies and Priorities)

--> <http://eitcoutreach.org/category/outreach-tools>.

Pursuit of the Dream: Building Credit for Life (Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2010)

The documentary is provided in both English and Spanish, and a printed discussion guide is enclosed in each DVD package.

--> <http://www.aecf.org/video/fes/Credit.html>

FUNDING

Avoiding the Most Common Weaknesses in Grant Proposals (Thompson Publishing Group's Local/State Funding Report - Oct. 19, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yb9ugn7>

Increase to the Refugee Reception and Placement Per Capita Grant (U.S. State Department - Jan. 25, 2010)

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

Monitoring Your SMART Objectives (Project SOAR Webinar - January 2010)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/ycm623j>

Reaching out to aid refugees (Greensboro News Record - Jan. 24, 2010)

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

GOVERNMENT DATA

Government Data Released Online As Part Of Obama Initiative (The Associated Press - Jan. 21, 2010)

All the new data collections will be added to the government's Web site, data.gov

--> <http://tinyurl.com/yatb2mj>

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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