

# REFUGEE WORKS

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Dear all,

The clock is ticking for RefugeeWorks' first 2008 Employment Training Institute.

In three weeks we'll be in Fort Worth, Texas, for two days of discussions and activities, focused on the employment related themes of engaging employers, job upgrade strategies and investigative skills for job developers. Join us for our second training of the year! It's not too late to register!

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To reserve a place at this event, call Jonathan or Daniel at (410) 230-2886 or -2758, or send an email to: [jlucus@refugeeworks.org](mailto:jlucus@refugeeworks.org)

Registration forms are also downloadable, at:  
<http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/ETIRegistration2008.pdf>

## **Los Angeles, California**

Focus: Transportation, Housing & Jobs

March 4-5, 2008:

Host: Refugee Forum of Los Angeles County

Although 3/4 of low-income residents live in city centers, 75 percent of employment in the United States today is located in the surrounding suburbs. Attend this training and take back home with you solutions and practical ideas that will help bring your clients to their workplaces.

## **\*\*\*\*\* COMING UP NEXT \*\*\*\*\***

### **Fort Worth, Texas**

Focus: Engaging Employers

April 15-16, 2008

Host: Catholic Charities of Fort Worth

Since 1980 refugee service providers have amassed a wealth of knowledge on how to entice employers to hire refugees. Over the course of this two-day workshop, we will explore some of the tactics that have worked best, and will brainstorm solutions for the future. Come and participate in exciting expert panels and discuss best job development practices with employers, refugees, employment specialists and scholars.

### **Indianapolis, Indiana**

Focus: Recertification & New Populations

June 17-18, 2008

Host: Exodus Refugee and Immigration, Inc

Recertification allows refugees with university degrees and professional training to remain in their chosen career fields. And job upgrading can lift refugees out of entry-level employment and increase their income level and self-sufficiency. In this training, you will hear success stories from refugees who have reclaimed their careers or built new ones and meet recertification specialists. You will also learn more about new refugee populations and hear about RefugeeWorks' Iraqi Refugee Employment Survey findings.

### **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.

To register for an upcoming institute, download a registration form, at:

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