

# REFUGEE WORKS

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REFUGEEWORKS TRAINING CALENDAR 2009

## 1) Focus on Match Grant Program

Join refugee employment professionals from around the country to share job retention strategies, identify new vocational training opportunities, and share best practices for making the match.

San Jose, California

March 17-19, 2009

Host: International Rescue Committee of San Jose

## 2) Building Professional Pathways for New Americans. National Conference on Recertification and Reclaiming Careers for Resettled Refugees

This conference will raise awareness about the professional skills refugees bring with them to the U.S, highlight new research and promising practices that support career re-entry for refugees and other immigrants and provide a venue for building partnerships to bolster employment outcomes. Refugee employment specialists, city and community leaders, public agency staff, higher education professionals and newcomers are invited to attend this highly interactive event.

Where: East Lansing, Michigan

When: June 22-24, 2009

Host: Michigan State University

## 3) COMING SOON: DATES AND LOCATION OF AUGUST 2009 EMPLOYMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE

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

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

--> <http://refugeeworks.org/downloads/ETIRegistration2009.pdf>

## CURRENT RESEARCH

Green Jobs for Refugees: The challenges and best practices of green sector employment will be the theme of the forthcoming Spring 2009 newsletter. The submission deadline for our Green Jobs theme issue is Feb. 10, 2009. Please send your story ideas and/or submissions to Daniel Sturm, at

--> [dsturm@refugeeworks.org](mailto:dsturm@refugeeworks.org)

Opportunities for Refugee Engineers (RefugeeWorks Guide, Coming Soon)

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

## EMPLOYMENT AND DOWNWARD ECONOMY

How to Help Refugees Get Jobs in a Down Market (RefugeeWorks e-How, January 2009)

--> [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_4737367\\_help-refugees-jobs-down-market.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_4737367_help-refugees-jobs-down-market.html)

For Refugees, Recession Makes Hard Times Even Harder (New York Times, Jan. 30, 2008)

--> [http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/30/us/30refugees.html?\\_r=1&emc=eta1](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/30/us/30refugees.html?_r=1&emc=eta1)

Employment and Training Proposals in the Proposed Recovery Package (The Urban Institute, January 2009)

--> <http://www.urban.org/issues/recovery.cfm#holzer2>

Understanding the Labor Market in a Deflationary Economic Context (Paul E. Harrington, Center for Labor Market Studies, Northeastern University, January 2009)

--> <http://reemploymentworks.workforce3one.org/view/2110902831981992422/info>

Poverty Guidelines for 2009 (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, January 2009)

Update of the HHS poverty guidelines to account for last calendar year's increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

--> <http://aspe.hhs.gov/POVERTY/09fedreg.pdf>

## EDUCATION

How to Help Refugees Get Jobs in a Down Market (RefugeeWorks e-How, January 2009)

This tip sheet tells you how to tackle job development during a recession

--> [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_4737367\\_help-refugees-jobs-down-market.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_4737367_help-refugees-jobs-down-market.html)

How to Get a Free Education (e-How, January 2009)

The web is making it easier than ever to get a free education. Although you won't earn college credits from the free classes available online, you can learn a great deal.

--> [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_4732638\\_free-education.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_4732638_free-education.html)

## EVENTS & CONFERENCES

Balancing Compassion for Refugees & Compassion for Yourself (The 1st Annual Conference for the Association for Refugee Service Professionals, Feb. 23-24, 2009)

Where: Austin, TX. The workshop will feature special keynote speaker and acclaimed author Anne Fadiman.

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

--> [cookheffron@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:cookheffron@mail.utexas.edu) (Laurie Heffron)

The Future of African Refugees and Immigrants: A Time for New Thinking (Ethiopian Community Development Council, May 4-6, 2009)

Where: Holiday Inn Ballston, Arlington, VA

--> <http://www.ecdc-cari.org/events.asp>

## HEALTH CARE

Caring for the Caregivers (New York Times, Jan. 28, 2009)

--> <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/28/opinion/28wed1.html>

FreeBooks4Doctors! is dedicated to the promotion of free access to medical books over the Internet.

--> <http://freebooks4doctors.com/>

Free Refugee Health Care Course (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2009)

This course addresses the provision of basic health requirements for refugees and the coordination of care among the agencies concerned with them.

--> <http://ocw.jhsph.edu/courses/RefugeeHealthCare/>

## LEGAL ISSUES

Your Guide to Fair Employment (U.S. Department of Justice, 2008)

--> [http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/osc/pdf/publications/ee\\_factsfaces\\_english2.pdf](http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/osc/pdf/publications/ee_factsfaces_english2.pdf)

## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT CAREERS

Caritas of Austin is hiring a full time case manager for its refugee resettlement program. The resettlement case manager helps the client develop a case plan with short term goals and assists the client with implementation during the 6-month eligibility period. The case manager also makes sure that all basic needs are met upon arrival (housing, clothing, and food) picks up refugees at the airport, provides community and cultural orientation, coordinates all necessary services (school, medical public benefits and others), and disburses funds according to federal guidelines.

Requirements for the position: Bachelor degree in social work or related field plus experience in a social service setting Candidate MUST be bi-lingual in English and in one of the following languages Arabic, Burmese, Swahili, French, or Spanish (listed by order of preference). Needs strong organizational and time management skills, team oriented, must be computer literate, able to work some evenings. Excellent communication skills, experience working with interpreter a plus. Must have a valid driver's license

40 hours/week. Mon-Wed-Thu 8 to 5, Tuesdays 8 to 7 and Fridays 8 to 2. Compensation, mid to upper 20s. medical, vision and dental benefits and paid parking.

If interested, email or fax resume to Nadine Pedusseau at [npedusseau@caritasofaustin.org](mailto:npedusseau@caritasofaustin.org), or by fax at 512-479-4627. Please, no phone calls

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

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