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Issue #24: Iraqi Refugees in Focus

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--> http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/rwnews_24.pdf

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CURRENT RESEARCH

We published the first portion of our Iraqi refugee employment survey was published in the current *Employment Quarterly*. Please complete this survey by July 15, 2008 and share it with colleagues, if you haven't already done so. We're curious to hear how your Iraqi clients are adjusting.

Survey link:

--> <http://tinyurl.com/36v53l>

RESEARCH QUESTION OF THE MONTH

More than 20 states currently have legislation pending that would make Basic Pilot/E-Verify mandatory for some or all employers. Have any of your clients had problems with this new system? If so, we'd like to hear from you. Drop us a line to give your feedback on refugee service providers' employer relations. Thanks!

Do you have news items, stories or pictures that relate to refugees in the workplace? If you'd like to submit them for publication in an upcoming newsletter, contact Daniel at dsturm@refugeeworks.org

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BOOKS, REPORTS & OTHER RESOURCES

IRAQI REFUGEE RESOURCES

* Assessment on Psychosocial Needs of Iraqis Displaced in Jordan and Lebanon (International Organization for Migration, 2008)
<http://tinyurl.com/2kk6n8>

* Iraqi refugee population Curriculum for Service Providers 2008 (The Center for Victims of Torture, 2008)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/37oua5>

* Farah, an Iraqi Mother (BRYCS Parenting Conversations, 2008)

--> http://www.brycs.org/IraqiMother_Interview.htm

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

* 2008 Earned Income Credit Kit in 19 languages (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 2008)

--> <http://www.cbpp.org/eic2008/>

* Pursuit of the Dream: Cars & Jobs in America (Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2008)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/2baxez>

* Can Escaping from Poor Neighborhoods Increase Employment and Earnings? (Urban Institute, 2008)

--> http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411640_employment_earning.pdf

LEGAL ISSUES

* DHS Basic Pilot /E-Verify Program, Basic Information Brief (National Immigration Law Center, 2008)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/2n899s>

* Compliance Issues Put Recruiters on the Hot Seat (Workforce management, February 2008)

--> <http://www.workforce.com/section/06/feature/25/36/79/>

* I Can End Deportation (ICED) Video Game (Breakthrough - USA/India, 2008)

Designed to spark dialogue and create awareness of unfair U.S. immigration policies, ICED teaches players about current immigration laws on detention and deportation that affect legal permanent residents, asylum seekers, students and undocumented people.

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

INDUSTRY & WORKFORCE TRENDS

* Inside Workforce³ One: Innovations for the Health Care Industry (U.S. Department of Labor & US Department of Education)

--> <http://www.careervoyages.gov/healthcare-main.cfm>

* Manpower Employment Outlook Survey (Manpower USA, 2008)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/35bjre>

* Refugee Resettlement in Metropolitan America (Brookings Institute, 2007)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/2n74ml>

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