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NEWS

Make plans now to attend the National Conference on Recertification in East Lansing, Michigan. The first of its kind, this conference will focus on the specific issues related to professional retraining, job-seeking and recertification for refugees resettling in the United States.

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

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RefugeeWorks trainings, workshops and conferences: To register for an upcoming Employment Training Institute, download our calendar and registration form, at:

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

CONFERENCES & WEBINARS

Children, Families, and Foreclosures: The Economic Crisis Hits Home; Urban Institute Webinar (March 12, 2009; 9-10:30 a.m.-EST)

--> <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/299043447> (register)

--> <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=56557> (listen to a live audio webcast)

4th Minority and Immigrant Farming Conference. The Association for the Advancement of Hmong Women in Minnesota, Minnesota Food Association, and USDA-Farm Service Agency (March 20-21, 2009; St. Paul, Minnesota)

--> <http://immigrantfarming.org/uploads/Brochure2009ImmigrantFarmingConference.pdf>

Building Partnerships for Success: Embracing Emerging Opportunities, The 14th Hmong National Conference (Appleton, Wisconsin, April 3-5, 2009)

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

National Immigrant Solidarity Network Conference (April 10-12, 2009; Chicago, IL)

--> <http://www.ImmigrantSolidarity.org/2009Conference/>

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

--> <http://www.ecdcinternational.org/newsevents/events.asp>

Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC) 12th Annual Convening, "Rising to the Challenge. Seeking Justice and Unity" (May 20-22, 2009; Colorado Springs, Co.)

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

Building Professional Pathways for New Americans. The National Conference on Refugee Professional Recertification (June 22-24, 2009; East Lansing, Michigan)

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EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS

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Manpower supports the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and its ninemillion.org campaign, which is focused on providing education to the nine million refugee children who are living long term in refugee camps (Manpower, 2009)

--> <http://www.manpower.com/social/ninemillion.cfm>

--> <http://www.manpower.com/social/unhcr.cfm>

Refugees find a place at Perdue (The Richmond County Daily Journal, Feb. 20, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/b8swys>

GREEN JOBS

An Inclusive Green Economy: A Guide to Using 2009 Recovery Act Funds (Green for All, 2009)

--> <http://www.greenforall.org/resources/recoveryusersguide/download>

Current and Potential Green Jobs in the U.S. Economy (The U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Mayors Climate Protection Center, 2008)

--> <http://www.workforce3one.org/view/4010903350002229021>

ETA Green Jobs Initiative (The Employment and Training Administration, 2009)

--> <http://www.doleta.gov/brg/GreenJobs/>

The National Immigrant Farming Initiative provides training, information sharing, networking opportunities, funding for farming projects and other resources to support immigrant farmers.

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

Workforce Training: Credentials, Pathways and Pipelines to the Green Economy (Workforce3One, 2009)

--> <http://www.workforce3one.org/view/4010904445771593771/info>

IRAQI REFUGEES

Employment Orientation for Iraqi Refugees (Upwardly Global, 2008)

--> http://www.upwardlyglobal.org/downloads/Iraqi_Orientation.pdf

Iraqi refugees returning to danger zone to escape poverty in Utah (The Salt Lake Tribune, Feb. 28, 2009)

--> http://www.sltrib.com/news/ci_11808992

Iraqi Refugees: Helping Them Thrive in America - supporters discuss challenges and solutions (International Rescue Committee, 2008)

--> http://www.theirc.org/resources/2008/171483_11-19.mp3

--> http://www.theirc.org/resources/2008/08-11-19-transcript_iraqi-refugee-call-irc-2.pdf

Refugees from Iraq (Cultural Orientation Resource Center's Enhanced Refugee Backgrounder No. 1; Center for Applied Linguistics, 2008)

--> <http://www.cal.org/co/pdffiles/iraqis.pdf>

JOB DEVELOPMENT DURING A RECESSION

Local Employment Dynamics (U.S. Census Bureau, 2009)

--> http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/led/doc/LEDonepager111408_hh_jw.pdf

Readers respond: Refugees deserve safe harbor now (The Greensboro News Record, Feb. 15, 2009)

<http://tinyurl.com/aubgdz>

Recession-Proof Careers (Kiplinger, 2008)

--> <http://www.kiplinger.com/columns/starting/archive/2008/st0326.htm>

Tackling Development During a Recession: Ten Points of Advice
--> <http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/recession.pdf>

Refugees in Dallas struggle to find their place as jobs dry up (The Dallas Morning News, March 1, 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/btafhg>

Why Hire Refugees? Video promoting the idea of hiring refugees (The Nationalities Service Center, 2008)
--> <http://whyhirearefugee.org/>

PEER MENTORING

Corporate Passport is an organization dedicated to helping displaced immigrants and refugees successfully transition into U.S. corporate culture by means of mentorship.
--> <http://corporatepassport.org/>

The Young Professionals in Foreign Policy Refugee Assistance Program helps newly resettled refugees from war-torn countries adapt to life in the United States. YFPF selects and trains teams of volunteers who are matched with refugee families for six months.
--> <http://www.yppf.org/rap>

4,000 pages of free content to empower your success in college, career, life (Quintessential Careers, 2009)
--> <http://www.quintcareers.com/resres.html>

TRANSPORTATION

Burmese Version of the Pennsylvania State Driver's Manual (Lutheran Refugee Service in Central PA, 2009)
--> <http://www.lcfsrefugees.blogs.com/lancaster/>

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

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