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PRINT NEWSLETTER

RefugeeWorks' second quarterly print newsletter of the year will be sent to you during the first week of June. Contact us for a free subscription! (dsturm@refugeeworks.org)

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

Issue #25: Healthcare Hotspots

- Fast-Tracking Refugee Nurses and Doctors
- Welcome Back Initiative Helps Immigrant Medical Professionals
- A Refugee Nursing Program Reports Success
- Recertification Resource Guide

CURRENT RESEARCH

Questions from part one of the RefugeeWorks Iraqi refugee employment survey were published in the issue #24 of the RefugeeWorks Employment Quarterly, available at

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

Please share the survey with colleagues and complete it by July 15, 2008, if you haven't already done so. RefugeeWorks is curious to hear how your Iraqi clients are adjusting. Your name and organizational affiliation will remain confidential, and they ask you to provide this information only in case they have follow-up questions.

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

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Office of Refugee Resettlement 2008 National Consultation, May 28-29, Arlington, VA.

--> <http://www.blsmeetings.net/h1320/>

The National Migration Conference (USCCB/CLINIC), July 28-31, Washington, DC

--> <http://www.nationalmigrationconference.org/conference.html>

REFUGEEWORKS WORKSHOPS

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. Job upgrading can also 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.

To reserve a place at either of these events, call Jonathan or Daniel at (410) 230-2886 or - 2758, or send an email to: jlucus@refugeeworks.org

Registration forms are also downloadable, at:

--> <http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/ETIRegistration2008.pdf>

***** COMING UP NEXT *****

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.

--> <http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/ETIRegistration2008.pdf>

JOB OPENING

Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service (LIRS) is currently looking for a Staff Consultant for RefugeeWorks to be based in Baltimore, MD. LIRS is seeking a professional to assist in implementing and coordinating programmatic efforts to achieve RefugeeWorks' goals and to strengthen refugee service provision in the field by carrying out technical assistance, training and research development specific to professional recertification for refugees. The full description may be found at:

--> <http://www.lirs.org/DonateServe/employment/StaffConsRefugeeWorks.pdf>

NEW RESOURCES

IRAQ

The American Friends Service Committee's new website on the Iraqi refugee crisis

--> <http://afsc.org/iraq/refugee-crisis.htm>

Five Years Later, a Hidden Crisis, Report of the IRC Commission on Iraqi Refugees

--> <http://tinyurl.com/6mmssu>

The Harvard Trauma Questionnaire: Adapting a Cross-Cultural Instrument for Measuring Torture, Trauma and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in Iraqi Refugees (International Journal of Social Psychiatry, September 2007), p. 447-463

--> <http://isp.sagepub.com/content/vol53/issue5/>

BURMA

Burma's displaced people (Forced Migration Review, April 2008)

--> <http://www.fmreview.org/FMRpdfs/FMR30/FMR30.pdf>

WORK AUTHORIZATION ISSUES

E-Verify, CLINIC Webinar, April 2008

--> <http://tinyurl.com/5ewt2m>

Immigration Advocates Network features an electronic library providing useful advice on issues ranging from citizenship to e-verify.

--> <http://www.immigrationadvocates.org/library/>

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS

Refugee Individual Development Accounts: Insights from the Field (Institute for Social and Economic Development, October 2007)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/6gup3o>

Practitioner's Guide to the 2007 ORR IDA Program Announcement (Institute for Social and Economic Development, October 2007)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/5bejov>

REFUGEE FARMING

Farm Management and Record Keeping. A "How To" Mini-Manual for Immigrant and Refugee Farmers (Institute for Social and Economic Development)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/5juhcl>

WORKFORCE TRENDS

America's Forgotten Middle-Skill Jobs. The need for a workforce to fill middle-skill jobs, those requiring more education than high school but less than a bachelor's degree, will likely remain strong in the coming years (Urban Institute, March 2008).

--> http://www.urban.org/UploadedPDF/411633_forgottenjobs.pdf

MARKETING

Building Relationships with the Media (IRC 2007)

--> <http://www.ethniccommunities.org/articulate-files/Media/Media/player.html>

Tip Sheet for Website Development (IRC, 2007)

--> <http://www.ethniccommunities.org/library/SOARFactsheetWebsiteDesign.pdf>

Email and Electronic Communication (Project to Strengthen Organizations Assisting Refugees, 2007)

--> <http://www.ethniccommunities.org/library/SOAREmailCommunication.pdf>

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