

The Healthy Elders Leadership Project

HELP Email-Alert

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I. NEWS UPDATES:

HELP Email Alert Archives

Past HELP Email Alerts are now posted online at the SEARAC website: <http://searac.org/help-emailalert.html>

SETA Requesting Feedback on Impact of Poverty (Sacramento County Only)

Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) is gathering public testimony and comments regarding unmet community needs in order to administer Community Service Block Grant funds. They are interested in hearing personal stories from those that are being impacted by poverty or from those that are working directly with them. Two meetings are scheduled: Wednesday, April 11 from 10 am to 12 pm and Wednesday, May 9 from 10 am to 12 pm. These meetings will be held at the SETA Board Room at 925 Del Paso Blvd, Sacramento. Contact: Victor Bonanno at victor@delpaso.seta.net or call him at (916) 263- 4364.

Medicare Part D

The California Health Advocates report that dual eligible across the state of California are still experiencing difficulty while accessing services. The problems range from low income subsidy delays to Medicare Advantage marketing abuses. California Health Advocates want to hear more stories from low income clients so that they will be able to effectively advocate for change in the federal and state level. Please follow this link to the California Health Advocates website for more details: <http://www.cahealthadvocates.org/cmc/2007/alert0313.html>

II. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) Grants for Non Profit Organizations

CCF Targeted Capacity Building grants are awarded to non profit organizations serving distressed communities. These grassroots organizations must use the funds in one of four social service priority areas: 1) at risk youth 2) homelessness 3) program development 4) healthy marriage or 5) rural communities. These funds must work towards capacity building in at least one of the five critical areas: 1) leadership development 2) organizational development 3) program development 4) revenue development strategies and 5) community engagement. The Office of Community Services will award up to \$10 million in grants to approximately 200 organizations. **Deadline to apply is APRIL 10.** For more information and the application visit the Administration for Children and Families website: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-OCS-IJ-0036.html>

AT&T Excelsior Technology Grants for Nonprofit Organizations

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded to help nonprofits focused on education, community development, health and human services, or arts and culture integrate technology into their operations and community outreach. Grant funds may be used for data communications services, hardware, software, technology training, personnel, and application development. Additionally, no fewer than 50 percent of project grant funds must be used to target underserved populations, including racial and ethnic groups, low-income populations, seniors, and/or disabled persons. **Deadline: May 4, 2007.** For more information and application follow this link: <http://www.att.com/gen/corporate-citizenship?pid=7745>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's New Routes to Community Health Grant

A program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, ***New Routes to Community Health*** supports local partnerships among immigrant organizations, media production centers and established community institutions to foster collaborations to improve immigrants' health, work life and civic participation. Up to eight geographically- and ethnically-diverse sites will receive awards of as much as \$225,000 over 39 months. **Deadline is May 17, 2007.** Complete details on the submission process and program information are available on the following website: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19837>

III. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

California Pan Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN) Spring Convening Series

CPEHN invites you to "Planning a Healthy Tomorrow"; here you will discuss health care reform proposals and how these efforts will address culturally competency and eliminate health disparities. Also, you will explore how to get involved with health care reform efforts with other community based organizations, health advocates and policy experts. REGISTER EARLY because space is limited! It is not too late to register for these dates:

- April 10: Fresno
- April 12: Oakland

To register, follow this link to the CPEHN website: www.cpehn.org/register.php?id=82

Refugee Citizenship and Civic Participation Training

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) and Mosaica: the Center for Nonprofit Development and Pluralism are partnering up for on-site trainings and consultations on refugee citizenship and civic participation. Find out how your organization can strengthen its citizenship program and how to increase civic participation in your refugee community. To find out more visit their project website: <http://www.cliniclegal.org/Refugee.html>. Contact Laura Burdick, Senior Immigration Specialist at CLINIC at (202) 635-5820.

2007 Southeast Asian American National Leadership Gathering: Collaborating Actions Among Leaders, JULY 22-JULY 25, 2007 Washington, DC

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW! Please register as soon as possible as free lodging is limited. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Southeast Asian American National Leadership-Advocacy Training. Since its inception, SEARAC's leadership trainings have trained over 400 leaders. In place of our traditional training, this gathering will unite past leadership training participants and new leaders to strategize on their important role in mobilizing Southeast Asian

communities throughout the country. The four day summit will include advocacy education, leadership development, strategizing, collaborative networking, and communication with policymakers. Registration form available at <http://www.searac.org>. Contact leadershipgathering@searac.org for more information or for a hard copy of the application.

DEADLINES: To be considered for free accommodations, we must receive your registration by **April 30, 2007**. Please note, however, that this does not guarantee lodging as it is on a first-come, first-serve basis for the first 120 registrants who need lodging. All other registrations due **June 1, 2007**.

IV. COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Cancer Education Materials in Asian and Pacific Islander Languages

The American Cancer Society (ACS) together with the Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness, Research, and Training (AANCART) has developed a website to permit cancer education materials in Asian and Pacific Islander language to be electronically retrievable. This is an easy to use site that links to participating websites; all documents and materials within these sites have been checked for medical accuracy as well as cultural relevance. Click here to view this website: [http://www.cancer.org/acmmain/\(o1cwhv55slagt13gdgt20mue\)/DefaultACS.aspx](http://www.cancer.org/acmmain/(o1cwhv55slagt13gdgt20mue)/DefaultACS.aspx)

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