

The Healthy Elders Leadership Project

HELP Email-Alert

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July 9, 2007

I. UPDATES:

USCIS Fee Adjustments Reminder

Just a reminder: USCIS has postponed new fee increases to take effect on **July 30, 2007** instead of June 1, 2007. The following is a link to a list of questions and answers:

<http://www.uscis.gov/files/pressrelease/FinalFeeRuleQsAs052907.pdf>. Find the new fee schedule here: <http://www.uscis.gov/files/nativedocuments/FinalUSCISFeeSchedule052907.pdf>.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi holds Citizenship Workshop

Speaker Pelosi's Citizenship Workshop will take place on **Saturday, July 21** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, 99 Grove Street (at Polk Street), 4th Floor, in San Francisco. Eligible applicants will receive **free assistance** with their citizenship applications at the workshop as time permits. Participants can also obtain answers to questions regarding their applications or the citizenship process. To RSVP or for more information and questions on what documents to bring, please contact Congresswoman Pelosi's office: 888-841-8801.

SEARAC Annual Reception: A Decade of Strong Leadership

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of SEARAC's annual Leadership-Advocacy Training Conference. Since its inception, over 400 Southeast Asian American leaders have attended. This July SEARAC invites past attendees to unite with new participants at the 2007 Southeast Asian American National Leadership Gathering: Collaborating Actions among Leaders. Join us in celebrating this milestone on **July 23rd from 6:30-8:30pm** at George Washington University Campus, Marvin Center Continental Ballroom, Washington, DC. The cost is \$50.00 per ticket. More information is posted here: <http://searac.org/2007searacgala.html>.

II. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

James Irvine Foundation New Connections Fund

The New Connections Fund is now accepting applications for organizations that have new projects, new ideas, or which have not previously received a grant from The James Irvine Foundation. Grants of up to **\$50,000** are available over one or two year grant periods; small and mid-sized organizations (with budgets between \$100,000 and \$2 million) are particularly encouraged to apply. Applications for the next round of funding are due on **August 13, 2007**. Follow this link for guidelines and applications: http://www.irvine.org/grants_program/howto/new_connections/application_process.shtml.

III. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

James Irvine Foundation Grant Writing Workshop

Register now to learn about the basics of grant writing and get the insider tips on how to apply to the James Irvine Foundation's New Connections Fund. This *free* two part workshop will be given in **Sacramento on July 12th from 1-4pm** at the Tsakopoulos Library and in **Bakersfield on July 19th from 1-4pm** at the Kern County Library. Follow this link for more details and to register: http://foundationcenter.org/sanfrancisco/pwb_jamesirvine.html.

“How to Promote Healthy Living in Refugee Communities”

Hmong Women's Heritage Association in collaboration with U.S. Committee for Refugee and Immigrants (USCRI) will be hosting this two day training on health and nutrition for refugee communities on **Wednesday, July 18th** and **Thursday, July 19th** from 9 AM-4 PM. The training will be held at: 2251 Florin Road, Suite 104 in Sacramento. Topics include “cultural barriers to nutrition” and “integrating nutrition and health promotion into existing service programs”. The session is open to all refugee service providers, resettlement case workers, employment advocates, ESL teachers, MAAs, refugee advocates, etc. Training materials and meals will be free of charge. To register, please contact: Dao Fang at 916-394-1405 or through e-mail: dao@hmongwomenheritage.org.

IV. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

California Center for Public Health Advocacy

This website is a great resource and tool for community based organizations that have a focus on health, especially regarding nutrition. The California Center for Public Health Advocacy (CCPHA) sponsors and supports legislation as well as provides updates on relevant pieces of legislation for stakeholders. They also provide recent research and reports for other advocates to use. CCPHA has also been a strong supporter of community advocacy in promoting local policy reform. Please follow this link to their website to learn more: <http://publichealthadvocacy.org/>.

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