

The Healthy Elders Leadership Project

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August 9, 2007

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Southeast Asian American California Leadership and Advocacy Training

SEARAC is proud to present this three day training, SEPTEMBER 17-19th, devoted to grassroots organizing, leadership development, and advocacy training. Please join us in Sacramento as we explore issues affecting the Southeast Asian American community in California and meet with Legislators to discuss our concerns. The training will take place at the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) 925 Del Paso Blvd, Sacramento, Ca 95815. Registration information may be found here: <http://searac.org/help.html>. **DEADLINES:** To be considered for free accommodations, we must receive your registration form by AUGUST 31, 2007. All other registration forms must be received by SEPTEMBER 5, 2007. Please contact Cat Nou for more information: cat@searac.org or (916) 428-7444.

APAPA 2007 API Voters Education and Candidate's Forum

Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA) in partnership with California Secretary of State, Debra Bowen and the Fat's Family in Memory of Frank Fat is holding their 6th annual API Voters Education and Candidate's Forum at California State University, Sacramento on Sunday, October 28, 2007 from 2 pm-6 pm. This event plans to feature Presidential debates as well as debates or speeches by Ca Congressional, State Legislative and local candidates. This event is free and open to the public. For more information click here: http://www.apapa.org/pdf/2007/forum/forum_flyer_2007_080107_withflag.pdf.

Vietnamese Mobile Home Town Hall hosted by Senator Correa and APALC

Senator Lou Correa (D-Santa Ana), together with Asian Pacific American Legal Center (APALC), will host a town hall for Vietnamese mobile home residents and owners to ensure that they know their rights and responsibilities as mobile home owners. APALC realizes the importance of these owners understanding their rights because their mobile home might be one of the most valuable assets they have and most of them are elderly with limited English proficiency. The town hall will take place Thursday, August 30, 2007 from 6-8pm at the Garden Grove Community Center, 11300 Stanford in Garden Grove. Contact Shawn Kim at (714) 558-4400 for more information.

II. GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

Corporation for National and Community Service: Volunteer Management Grant

The Corporation for National and Community Service is offering up to \$800,000 in grants to support the work of national and statewide nonprofit organizations in their volunteer retention efforts so that the opportunities for volunteers to work towards a societal change is increased. **DEADLINES:** an *optional* letter of intent to apply is due on AUGUST 15, 2007; application deadline is due on SEPTEMBER 6, 2007. For more information click here: http://www.nationalservice.gov/pdf/07_0713_nofa_volmanagement.pdf.

III. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

Third Annual Fresno-Madera Renewal Summit: Blueprints for Rebuilding Communities

Assemblymember Mike Villines and Senator Dave Cogdill present this summit on SEPTEMBER 28, 2007 from 8:30 am-2 pm at the Cornerstone Conference Center 1454 Fulton Street Fresno, Ca. This summit is designed to introduce you to the many opportunities available to your organization through public and private grants and other resources. Workshops include: Fundraising 101, Grant Writing, Sustainable Funding for Your Mission, Capital Campaigns Direct Mail and Telemarketing Basics, Locating Grants and more! This summit is FREE, to RSVP or for more information contact: (559) 446-2029 or e-mail assemblymember.villines@assembly.ca.gov.

Empowerment Institute Regional Conference: SAVE THE DATE

This conference will be held on SEPTEMBER 28, 2007 from 9 am- 2pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3973 N. Cedar Ave, Fresno, Ca 93726. This is a conference about best practices and opportunities to work with Southeast Asian families and people with disabilities. Please contact Syndi Vang for more information: (559) 291-7587 or syndivang@gmail.com.

IV. COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

“Organizational Development and Capacity in Cultural Competence”

The California Endowment has a series of new publications examining the frameworks of building cultural competency as well as looking at ways of addressing the issue of cultural competency in the health system. These publications are available to download or to order (free of charge) by following this link:

http://www.calendow.org/reference/publications/cultural_competence.stm#080107.

For more information, call or email SEARAC’s California office:

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