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## Menu of Technical Assistance Resources


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### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES FOR STRENGTHENING IMMIGRANT, REFUGEE, AND LANGUAGE MINORITY FAMILIES

The Technical Assistance Resource Center (TARC) — a component of the Foundation's Community Change Initiatives Unit (CCI) — assures that *Making Connections* sites and site teams have access to the ideas, people, learning opportunities, and effective practices to help accomplish their goals of strengthening families in tough neighborhoods. Our technical assistance (TA) approach builds on the accumulated knowledge and experience of Foundation staff, grantees, and MC partners to create a body of materials and a variety of learning opportunities that can help neighborhoods, cities, and states strengthen families and transform communities.

TARC may be accessed at the request of the Site Team Leader (STL) working with the TARC Liaison (TL) assigned to their site team. A Help Desk process allows TLs to bring to TARC the nature of the technical assistance requested along with the specific expected outcome. Through the Help Desk process, TL colleagues and Casey staff analyze the request and suggest possible options back through the TL

to the STL and site team. This process has served the site teams well for the last four years and is under continuous review for process and outcome improvements.

#### ***Why this issue is important for Making Connections***

The majority of *Making Connections* neighborhoods include Immigrant, Refugee, and Language Minority (IRLM) Families, whose needs cut across all core results areas. However, site teams have found it difficult to address the needs of these families because of capacity, language, and cultural barriers.

To assist MC site teams in ensuring the inclusion of IRLM families in MC strategies and benefits, TARC has developed a flexible menu of technical assistance resources that site teams can choose from and adapt to their local needs. Many of these resources are easily accessed through the Internet or by mail and are identified in our Help Yourself section. Upon request, TARC will also work with sites to ensure access to outside resources, for example, by obtaining the assistance of proven TA providers or facilitating peer-to-peer experiences.

Using the Menu of TA Resources for strengthening IRLM families, you can:



- **Help Yourself**

TARC has identified a range of free and low-cost print, audio-visual, and Internet materials to provide action-oriented learning that will help sites achieve their goal of strengthening families and transforming communities.

- **Help Each Other within the MC Network**

*Making Connections* site team members have developed expertise and strategies that are most easily shared through three primary types of group interaction: cross-site meetings, peer-to-peer assistance, and direct telephone or electronic communication. TARC promotes peer communication and exchange as an effective way to bring site team members and partners together with other stakeholders to learn about issues, craft strategies, and jointly address challenges.

- **Get Help through TARC from Outside the MC Network**

TARC has identified a pool of individual and organizational TA providers from which sites may find expertise to help them with needs and challenges beyond the scope of their array of peer and local resources. In addition, TARC has developed a listing of conferences and trainings that sites may find helpful in gaining new knowledge and skills related to working with families and communities within the MC neighborhoods.

## HELP YOURSELF

### **Print and Online Materials**

These free and low-cost materials, including online articles, are categorized according to the six *Making Connections* Core Results.

### **FAMILY ECONOMIC SUCCESS. (CORE RESULTS 1 AND 2)**

- **Adult ESL Homeownership Education Materials.** One teacher's book with up to 20 student books free of charge. Fannie Mae Foundation, 800-544-9224.
- **Establishing a Multilingual Homeownership Center.** Report from a *Making Connections* peer match project. Includes Steps in Establishing the Center, Lessons Learned and Next Steps. Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Center for the Study of Social Policy, 410-223-2890, [www.aecf.org](http://www.aecf.org) (Publications).
- **Curriculum: Job Readiness Tool Kit.** \$20.00 Code E41-English, 240 pp. Code E41a-Spanish. English and Spanish. National Council of La Raza, 202-785-1670, [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org) (Publications).
- **The Language of Opportunity: Expanding Employment Prospects for Adults with Limited English Skills.** Publication No. 03-64a. Free PDF download. Includes practical information about employment programs, policy recommendations, and promising practices. Center for Law and Social Policy, 202-906-8000, [www.clasp.org/Pubs](http://www.clasp.org/Pubs)

(Workforce Development and Transitional Jobs).

- **Refugee Youth Employment.** One copy free. Comprehensive descriptions of promising practices. Write to [information@refugeeworks.org](mailto:information@refugeeworks.org) or RefugeeWorks, 700 Light St., Baltimore, MD 21230.
- **Newcomers in the American Workplace: Improving Employment Outcomes for Low-Wage Immigrants and Refugees.** Free to download. Includes innovative approaches. Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees and Neighborhood Funders Group, 202-833-4690, [www.nfg.org](http://www.nfg.org) (Publications).
- **Moving Up is a Steep Climb.** 2002. Ethnographic study of 10 families in the Casey Jobs Initiative program. The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 410-223-2890, [www.aecf.org](http://www.aecf.org) (Publications).
- **Building Cultural Competence: A Tool Kit for Workforce Development.** \$40.00. Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, 202-789-3500, [www.jointcenter.org](http://www.jointcenter.org) (Publications)
- **Immigrants and the Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN): How Can the ITIN be Used as an Identifier?** 12/2003. Free online. National Employment Law Project/Immigrant Workers Project, (main) 212-285-3025, (IWP) 360-534-9160, [www.nelp.org/iwp](http://www.nelp.org/iwp) (Access to Benefits/Identification Issues).



- **Issue Brief #1-Hispanic Families and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).** \$5.00. Code R30, 12 pp. National Council of La Raza, 202-785-1670, [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org) (Publications).
- **Better Money Management: an Individual Development Account Economic Literacy Curriculum for Hmong People.** \$12.00. English, Hmong. National Endowment for Financial Education, 303-741-6333, [www.nefe.org/amexeconfund](http://www.nefe.org/amexeconfund) (Financial Education Clearinghouse Materials List/Budgeting).

***FAMILIES, YOUTH, AND NEIGHBORHOODS INCREASE THEIR CIVIC PARTICIPATION. (CORE RESULT 3)***

- **Missouri Multicultural Network Citizenship Course.** Free, self-paced online citizenship-preparation course that links to naturalization resources. [www.mssu.edu/missouri/citizenship.htm](http://www.mssu.edu/missouri/citizenship.htm).
- **New Citizens Vote!** Exercises to educate about voting. Free online in English and Spanish at [www.immigrantvoice.org](http://www.immigrantvoice.org). For bound copies in Chinese, Vietnamese, or Korean, contact the Northern California Citizenship Project at 415-621-4808 ext. 101 or [nccp@immigrantvoice.org](mailto:nccp@immigrantvoice.org).
- **Voter Registration "How-To" Packet for Community-Based Organizations.** \$12.50. Code B20, 25 pp. National Council of La Raza, 202-785-1670, [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org) (Publications).

- **Curriculum: Sabemos y Podemos: Learning for Social Action.** \$20.00. Code E40-English, Code E40a-Spanish, 230 pp. English and Spanish. National Council of La Raza, 202-785-1670, [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org) (Publications).
- **Grassroots Activist Toolkit.** Free online and bound copies. Five languages. Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, 202-466-3311, [www.civilrights.org](http://www.civilrights.org) (Action Center).
- **Building Sound Community Linkages: A Key to Serving Latino Youth.** \$7.00. Code H53 June 2002 27 pp. National Council of La Raza, 202-785-1670, [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org) (Publications).
- **Casey Connects and Insites.** Fall 2003. Free. Include promising practices for working with IRLM populations. The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 410-223-2890, [www.aecf.org](http://www.aecf.org) (Publications).
- **When Law and Culture Collide: Handling Conflicts Between U.S. Law and Refugees' Cultures.** \$14.95. Item #M69. National Crime Prevention Council, 800-627-2911, [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org) (Select Link/ONA/Publications).
- **Powerful Partnerships: 20 Crime Prevention Strategies that Work for Refugees, Law Enforcement, and Communities.** \$14.95. Item #M63. National Crime Prevention Council, 800-627-2911, [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org) (Select Link/ONA/Publications).

- **Building and Crossing Bridges: Refugees and Law Enforcement Working Together.** \$14.95. Item #M36. National Crime Prevention Council, 800-627-2911, [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org) (Select Link/ONA/Publications).
- **Mapping the Immigrant Infrastructure.** The Annie E. Casey Foundation and the Applied Research Center, 410-223-2890, [www.aecf.org](http://www.aecf.org) (Publications).

***FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT WORK FOR THEM. (CORE RESULT 5)***

- **Language Services Action Kit.** The Annie E. Casey Foundation and the National Health Law Project, 410-223-2890, [www.aecf.org](http://www.aecf.org) (Publications).
- **Guidebook for Refugees.** \$5.00. Orientation guide. Nine languages. English version downloadable free. Center for Applied Linguistics, 202-362-0700, [www.cal.org/corc](http://www.cal.org/corc).
- **Refugee Orientation Video and Trainers' Notebook.** \$5.00. Orientation video and manual. Eight languages. Center for Applied Linguistics, 202-362-0700, [www.cal.org/corc](http://www.cal.org/corc).
- **Immigrant Access to Health Benefits: A Resource Manual.** \$25.00. National Health Law Program, 310-204-6010, [www.healthlaw.org](http://www.healthlaw.org).

- **Culture Profiles.** \$3.00 each. (The Bosnians, The Cubans, The Haitians, The Iraqi Kurds, The Iraqis, The Somali Bantu, The Somalis). Center for Applied Linguistics, 202-362-0700, [www.cal.org/corc](http://www.cal.org/corc).

- **CCHCP's Community Profile Series.** Ethnic profiles. 1996 issues downloadable free: Arab, Cambodian, Ethiopian, Eritrean, Lao, Mien, Oromo, Samoan, Somali, South Asian, Ukrainian, Soviet-Jewish. Recent issues \$10.00: Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Japanese, Lao and Vietnamese cultures. Cross Cultural Health Care Program, [www.xculture.org/resource](http://www.xculture.org/resource) (Our Products).

**CHILDREN ARE HEALTHY AND READY TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL. (CORE RESULT 6)**

- **Promoviendo un Futuro Saludable.** \$25.00. Code Q38, 310 pp. Spanish. Youth leadership development training manual for health educators. The National Council of La Raza, 202-785-1670, [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org) (Publications).
- **Community Partnerships: Supporting Children and Their Families.** Free online article about a community model of early care and education for children. The Education Alliance, Brown University, 800-521-9550, [www.alliance.brown.edu/stories](http://www.alliance.brown.edu/stories).

- **Including Every Parent: Step-by-Step Guide to Engaging and Empowering Parents in Diverse Schools.** \$9.95. The National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education (NCPIE), 703-359-8973, [www.psinnovation.org](http://www.psinnovation.org) (Resources for Educators/How-To Books).

- **The Schools We Need Now: How Parents, Families and Communities Can Change Schools.** \$11.95. An organizing resource with tools, checklists, and successful strategies. California Tomorrow, 510-496-0220, [www.californiatomorrow.org](http://www.californiatomorrow.org) (Publications).

- **Online Content-Based ESL Resources.** Free. Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning, 303-863-0188, [www.spring-institute.org](http://www.spring-institute.org) (ELT/Free Resources).

- **ESCORT "Help! They Don't Speak English" Resource Guides for Educators of Limited English Proficient Students.** Free as PDF downloads. ESCORT, 800-451-8058, [www.escort.org](http://www.escort.org).

- **NCELA Articles on Multi-cultural Education.** Free online. NCELA: National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition, 202-205-8739, [www.ncela.gwu.edu/library](http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/library) (Promoting Cultural Understanding in the Classroom; scroll down to Online Articles).

- **Promoting Success for English Language Learners.** Links to dozens of free hands-on articles. The

Education Alliance, Brown University, 800-521-9550, [www.alliance.brown.edu/programs/eac](http://www.alliance.brown.edu/programs/eac). (Diverse Populations/English Language Learners).

- **Curriculum: Academia del Pueblo: Math and Science (ADP-MAS).** \$50.00. Code E42, 640 pp. To strengthen math and science education opportunities for Hispanic elementary school students. English and Spanish. The National Council of La Raza, 202-785-1670, [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org) (Publications).

- **From the Classroom to the Community: A Fifteen-Year Experiment in Refugee Education.** \$14.95. The Center for Applied Linguistics, 202-362-0700, [www.cal.org/corc](http://www.cal.org/corc).

**Websites**

- **American Immigration Lawyers Association,** [www.aila.org](http://www.aila.org).

- **California Tomorrow,** [www.californiatomorrow.org](http://www.californiatomorrow.org).

- **Catholic Legal Immigration Network,** [www.cliniclegal.org](http://www.cliniclegal.org).

- **DiversityBusiness.com,** [www.div2000.com](http://www.div2000.com). Especially useful are the free tools for growing and managing a business. (Resources/Business Tools).

- **DiversityRx,** [www.diversityrx.org](http://www.diversityrx.org).

- **Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees**, [www.gcir.org](http://www.gcir.org). Especially useful is the Annotated Bibliography. (Resources/Annotated Bibliography).
- **National Community Tax Coalition**, [www.tax-coalition.org](http://www.tax-coalition.org).
- **National Council of La Raza**, [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org).
- **National Immigration Forum**, [www.immigrationforum.org](http://www.immigrationforum.org).
- **National Immigration Law Center**, [www.nilc.org](http://www.nilc.org).
- **Planning for Prosperity: A Financial Guide for New Asian-Americans**, [www.nationalcapacd.org/NEFE](http://www.nationalcapacd.org/NEFE).
- **National Health Law Program**, [www.healthlaw.org](http://www.healthlaw.org).
- **National Network of Partnership Schools**, [www.csos.jhu.edu](http://www.csos.jhu.edu) (Center on School, Family and Community Partnerships/National Network of Partnership Schools).
- **National Latino Children's Institute**, [www.nlci.org](http://www.nlci.org).
- **NeighborWorks**, [www.nw.org](http://www.nw.org).
- **The English as a Second Language Home Page**, [www.lll.uiuc.edu](http://www.lll.uiuc.edu).

### **Upcoming Resources**

- The Department of Labor is developing a Technical Assistance Guide, Catalogue of Materials, and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Peer Expert Directory to help Workforce Initiative Act (WIA) programs in their efforts to serve LEP customers in the workforce development system.
- The National Immigration Forum is developing a resource bank on their website, which will be available in early 2004. [www.immigrationforum.org](http://www.immigrationforum.org).
- The Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) is developing a publication due to be published in early 2004, *Promising Practices in Economic Development and Housing, Organizational Development, Education, and Health*. 202-667-4690, [www.searac.org](http://www.searac.org).

### **HELP EACH OTHER WITHIN THE MC NETWORK**

#### **Cross-Site Learning Experiences**

TARC facilitates Cross-Site Learning Experiences that serve as opportunities for site team members and partners to come together and learn from each other, share strategies for meeting the challenges of their *Making Connections* work, and interact with some of the TA providers identified by TARC. Cross-site meetings are decided upon and co-designed by Site Team Leaders and Casey staff with critical input from other site team members.

#### **Peer-to-Peer Exchanges**

When the Foundation's staff, consultants, or site team members learn about promising approaches for strengthening families and neighborhoods, TARC may arrange peer matches, site visits, or conference calls between MC sites or between MC sites and other exemplary sites to provide an opportunity to learn from peers in that community.

#### **Direct Electronic Communication**

TARC has the capacity to develop listservs or other forms of electronic communication that sites may use for direct sharing of ideas and resources. Such a tool is designed to facilitate quick, efficient communication about needs and problems as they arise, successful strategies for overcoming challenges, upcoming events of interest, and available resources.

### **GET HELP THROUGH TARC FROM OUTSIDE THE MC NETWORK**

#### **Technical Assistance Providers**

Individuals and organizations from around the country are identified by TARC as resources to help sites look at challenges and develop creative solutions when assistance from outside the site is needed. The information below is a sample of the collective expertise relevant to the Core Results and to working with a variety of IRLM populations.



**FAMILY ECONOMIC SUCCESS.  
(CORE RESULTS 1 AND 2)**

**Areas of expertise and TA  
experience**

Micro-enterprise development, including home-based child care; credit unions; personal financial capacity development; IDAs; micro-loans; savings strategies; employment programs; programs for at-risk youth; EITC campaigns.

**Ethnic communities served**

Bosnian, Lao, Vietnamese, Hmong, Thai, Cambodian, Ethiopian, Sudanese, Somali, Russian, Kosovar, Middle Eastern, and Eastern European, as well as documented and undocumented Spanish speakers.

**FAMILIES, YOUTH, AND  
NEIGHBORHOODS INCREASE  
THEIR CIVIC PARTICIPATION.  
(CORE RESULT 3)**

**Areas of expertise and TA  
experience**

Voter registration, voter education, and get out the vote campaigns; community organizing and mobilization; local leadership development, including youth and women's leadership; community collaboration; development of membership organizations; community participation and advocacy; and coalition building. Southeast Asian refugees.

**Ethnic communities served**

Chinese, Vietnamese, Lao, Hmong, Iraqi, Somali, Sudanese, Ethiopian, Eritrean, Iraqi/Kurdish, South Asian and East Asian immigrants, Latinos.

**FAMILIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS  
HAVE STRONG INFORMAL  
SUPPORTS AND NETWORKS.  
(CORE RESULT 4)**

**Areas of expertise and TA  
experience**

Organizational and program development, advocacy training, and fundraising; community building and community service; enhancement of women's community supports.

**Ethnic communities served**

All Asian, African, Middle Eastern and Eastern European refugee populations; South Asian and East Asian immigrants; Latinos.

**FAMILIES HAVE ACCESS TO  
QUALITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS  
THAT WORK FOR THEM. (CORE  
RESULT 5)**

**Areas of expertise and TA  
experience**

Needs assessment, asset-mapping, program management and development, project development, organizational development, community and interagency negotiations to improve services, redesign of service delivery, coalition-building, improvement of community linkages; increased access to employment programs, employment of refugees by service agencies, and cross-cultural work with non-immigrant groups.

**Ethnic communities served**

Thai, Bosnian, Lao, Hmong, Vietnamese, Afghan, Ethiopian, Eritrean, Sudanese, Somali, Russian, Cambodian, Iranian, Iraqi/Kurdish,

Kosovar, and documented and undocumented Spanish speakers.

**CHILDREN ARE HEALTHY AND  
READY TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL.  
(CORE RESULT 6)**

**Areas of expertise and TA  
experience**

Girls' health initiative and services for trafficked children; negotiations with schools, development of appropriate educational plans.

**Ethnic communities served**

Afghan, Ethiopian, Iranian, Iraqi/Kurdish, Kosovar, Somali, Sudanese, and Vietnamese refugees.

**2004 Conferences and Trainings**

Listed are 2004 conferences and trainings that could be relevant to IRLM challenges and sites may find helpful in achieving their Core Results and building local site capacity. **Unless otherwise noted, fees, travel, and lodging are the responsibility of the site team and require prior approval from the Site Team Leader.**

• **Employment Training Institutes**

Sponsored by RefugeeWorks, a program of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

Two times per year; **1. January 13-14, 2004, Atlanta 2. TBA**

Comprehensive Employment Training Institutes with workshops on a wide variety of topics and extensive interaction and networking opportunities for participants. Region-specific trainings for refugee service providers. 410-230-2767.

- **15th National Youth Crime Prevention Conference and International Forum**

Sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Council and Youth Crime Watch of America

**February 14-17, 2004, Arlington, VA**

Youth and adults find tools, techniques, and national resources in the fight against crime, violence, and drugs. [www.ncpc.org/youthconference](http://www.ncpc.org/youthconference), 202-466-6272. **Refugee youth may apply for scholarships to a pre-conference training and the conference. To apply, call 202-261-4123.**

- **Leadership Development Conference on School, Family and Community Partnerships**

Sponsored by the National Network of Partnership Schools

**March 12-13, 2004, Inner Harbor Sheraton, Baltimore, MD**

Approaches that link family involvement to student achievement; provides skills and guidance on developing such partnerships locally. Includes workshops and materials on multi-cultural partnerships. 410-516-8800, [nnps@csos.jhu.edu](mailto:nnps@csos.jhu.edu), [www.csos.jhu.edu](http://www.csos.jhu.edu) (Center on School, Family and Community Partnerships/National Network of Partnership Schools).

- **9th Hmong National Conference "Connecting Across Communities"**

Sponsored by Hmong National Development

**April 2-4, 2004, Charlotte, NC**

Opportunity to come together to increase the professional capacity of

professionals serving the Hmong; promote community and civic activism of Hmong Americans; promote and develop youth. 202-463-2118, [info@hndlink.org](mailto:info@hndlink.org), [www.hndlink.org](http://www.hndlink.org) (Programs).

- **Conference on African Refugees**  
Sponsored by the Ethiopian Community Development Council  
**May 24-26, 2004, Hilton Crystal City, Arlington, VA**

A forum for service providers, federal agencies and interested parties to cover issues such as refugee resettlement, immigration services, human rights, as well as health and welfare systems. [www.ecdcinternational.org](http://www.ecdcinternational.org), 703-685-0510, [arn@ecdcinternational.org](mailto:arn@ecdcinternational.org).

- **10th National Refugee Crime Prevention Seminar: Developing Strategies for Community Strengthening**

Sponsored by Outreach to New Americans, a program of the National Crime Prevention Council  
**June 25-26, 2004, Atlanta, GA**  
Participatory workshops focused on building refugee-law enforcement partnerships, as well as bridging gaps between newcomer and mainstream communities. 202-261-4123 or e-mail [mjwanmery@ncpc.org](mailto:mjwanmery@ncpc.org).

- **NCLR Annual Conference**

Sponsored by the National Council of La Raza

**June 26-29, 2004, Phoenix, AZ**

Serves as meeting ground for thousands of community leaders, activists, volunteers; elected officials; members of the corporate, philanthropic, and academic commu-

nities; senior citizens; students and youth. Highlights speakers and workshops on a wide array of topics of importance to immigrants, especially Hispanics. 202-785-1670, [www.nclr.org](http://www.nclr.org).

- **Health Resource Services Administration/Bureau Primary Health Care Faith-Based Conference**

Sponsored by the Health Resource Services Administration and the Bureau Primary Health Care  
**TBA (late summer/fall 2004)**  
Focus on topical areas such as access to services, collaboration, funding, resources, networks, and tools. 301-562-5324, [pmilan@mcfarlandassociate.com](mailto:pmilan@mcfarlandassociate.com), [www.mcfarlandwired.com/text/hrsa.html](http://www.mcfarlandwired.com/text/hrsa.html).

- **A Nation of Immigrants in the 21st Century Annual Conference**

Sponsored by the National Immigration Forum  
**TBA (Fall/Winter 2004/2005), Washington, DC**  
Administration officials and legislators, legal and policy experts, business and labor leaders, and immigrant and refugee community leaders work together to develop strategies around key issues and build support for policies generous to immigrants and refugees. [www.immigrationforum.org](http://www.immigrationforum.org), 202-347-0040.

- **Young Latinos Creating a Nation of Hope**

Sponsored by the National Latino Children's Institute  
**Early October 2004**

Young Latino leaders with adult community leaders and service providers engage in discussions on effective practices in youth development and hear from youth about community leadership. Will include La Promesa de un Futuro awards and a look at the Latino children's Agenda 10 years later. 210-228-9997, [www.nlci.org](http://www.nlci.org) (La Promesa Programs/About La Promesa/About the Conference).

- **National Leadership Conference for Refugee and Immigrant Women**

Sponsored by the Refugee Women's Network

- **TBA (Fall/Winter 2004)**

Immigrant and refugee women leaders share resources, challenges, and solutions; attend workshops to increase community-building skills; share successful efforts to create and implement solutions to community problems; and build and strengthen relationships with each other. [leadershipprogram@riwn.org](mailto:leadershipprogram@riwn.org), 404-299-0180, [www.riwn.org](http://www.riwn.org).

- **Low-Income Immigrant Rights Conference**

Sponsored by the National Immigration Law Center

- **TBA Winter 2004, Washington, DC**

Will set a national agenda on issues affecting low-income immigrant communities, focusing on workers' rights, access to government benefits, and immigration rights. [www.nilc.org](http://www.nilc.org) (Trainings).

*Trainings Available Throughout the Year and Around the Country*

- **National Immigration Law Center Trainings**

Trainings throughout the country on topics such as immigrant access to public benefits, health access, immigration law, and low-wage immigrant worker rights issues. 213-639-3900 ext. 117, [www.nilc.org](http://www.nilc.org) (Trainings).

- **Catholic Legal Immigration Network Trainings**

Trainings on topics such as relief for battered spouses and children, advocacy, immigration law, workers' rights, removal, naturalization, and immigration consequences of criminal convictions. 415-394-0787, [www.cliniclegal.org](http://www.cliniclegal.org) (Trainings and Convenings).

*Dates To Be Announced*

- **Southeast Asian American Leadership—Advocacy Training**

Sponsored by Southeast Asia Resource Action Center.

Four-day training on national advocacy skills, message development, and issues affecting Southeast Asian Americans. TC Duong at [tcduong@searac.org](mailto:tcduong@searac.org) or 202-667-4690.

- **Annual Convention of National CAPACD**

Sponsored by the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development. An opportunity to build support and increase communication among participants on APA and community

development issues. 202-223-2442, [www.nationalcapacd.org](http://www.nationalcapacd.org)

- **Immigrant Workers' Rights Conference**

Sponsored by the National Immigration Law Center.

Will cover issues affecting low-wage immigrant workers, such as discrimination, legal issues, health and safety, and other issues. [www.nilc.org](http://www.nilc.org) (Trainings).

- **Homeownership Education Training**

Sponsored by NeighborWorks.

Two-day course: *Reaching Immigrant Populations to Create Home Ownership*. Explores the best tools and strategies available to assist in recruiting immigrant homeowners. 800-438-5547, [www.nti.org](http://www.nti.org).

- **National Training Institutes on Community-Building Topics**

Sponsored by NeighborWorks.

4-5 intensive, comprehensive Training Institutes are offered per year on community building in such areas as community building and organizing, neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing, community economic development. Participants have the opportunity to focus on immigrant and refugee issues. 800-438-5547, [www.nti.org](http://www.nti.org).

For more information on *Making Connections* or TARC, visit [www.aecf.org/MC](http://www.aecf.org/MC).