

Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter

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Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL)

The Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter is a publication of the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) providing Fairfax County faith communities and faith- and community-based organizations with current news about human services and community strengthening resources, training, outreach, symposiums, study groups, grants, citizen groups, community meetings, public hearings and events, and coordination and collaboration opportunities.

For more information on the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, please visit our web-site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/cil/default.htm.

The Community Interfaith Liaison Office, located at 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 220, Fairfax, Virginia 22035, is part of the Fairfax County [Department of Systems Management for Human Services](#).

If you have questions about an upcoming meeting or event, wish to submit information for possible inclusion, or would like to receive more information regarding a meeting or event that has already taken place, please send an e-mail message to ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov. If you would like to be removed from the Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter, please send an e-mail with the word "Unsubscribe" in the subject line. Thank you.

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Feature Article

Community Interfaith Liaison Newsletter is back ...

Submitted by Sandy Chisholm, Community Interfaith Liaison Office

The Community Interfaith Liaison Newsletter is back, sharing Fairfax County area community event and human services information with local faith communities and with community based-organizations and government agencies partnering with Northern Virginia faith communities. The newsletter's purpose is that of strengthening faith communities' knowledge of government, community-based organization, civic organization, and other faith community human services projects and programs; local human services training workshops and educational seminars; faith community human services study and task force efforts; grant opportunities; community meetings and special events; and community partnership developments. If you are interested in receiving this newsletter by e-mail or learning more about how to submit information for inclusion in this newsletter, please contact Maggie Scott by e-mail at ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov. or by telephone at (703) 324-3453.

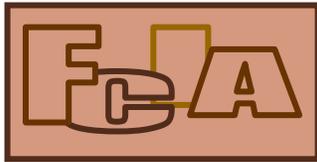
The Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action is hosting its Wednesday, January 14, meeting in the Fairfax County Government Center from 2 to 4 p.m. in Conference Rooms 9 and 10. An overview of the Fairfax County Emergency Preparedness Plan to be implemented in the event of a natural or man-made disaster or crisis in Fairfax County will be presented by Douglas Bass, Fairfax County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Merrily Pierce, Fairfax County Community Citizen Corps Chairperson; and The Reverend John Denninger, Community Citizen Corps Faith Community Representative. Time will be allowed for questions after their presentations.

Each of the Faith Community in Action Task Forces will be reporting on their work at the Wednesday, January 14, meeting. The Task Forces are: 1) Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention, 2) Local Youth Challenges, 3) Affordable Housing Opportunities, and 4) Community Tolerance and Respect Strengthening. The purpose is that of exploring faith communities' efforts in addressing these issues and how faith communities are partnering or can partner with others in the community to address these issues and how best to share information gathered with the faith community at-large. Each Task Force is welcoming new members. If you or someone else in your congregation is interested in joining one of these Task Forces, please call Sandy Chisholm, Community Interfaith Liaison, at (703) 324-5185.

Human Services Updates

Faith Communities in Action

Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) is a network of faith communities, community-based organizations, and government agencies that fosters interfaith communications and cooperation to build and strengthen human services resources throughout Fairfax County.



**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2004
2 – 4 p.m.**

Upcoming Events/Workshops/Conferences

Tuesday, January 13, 2004

The Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services presents...

Free Hands-On Training
Learn How to Use the Human Services Resource Guide
Tuesday, January 13, 2004
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Falls Church Human Services Building
6245 Leesburg Pike, Suite 507
Falls Church, Virginia 22044

The Human Services Resource Guide is a web-based directory of human services available to Fairfax County residents. This training will provide an overview of the Guide, information on how to use the Guide, and ideas on how to make the Guide work for you.

Additional training dates are being offered in 2004. Future additional training dates will include:

Trainings offered at Falls Church Human Services Building ...

- Thursday, January 29 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 4 1:30 – 3 p.m.
- Thursday, February 10 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, February 26 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 3 1:30 – 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 9 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, March 25 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Trainings offered at Pennino Building, 12011 Government Ctr. Pkwy., Suite 240

- Thursday, February 19 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 18 1 – 2:30 p.m.

To register, please call Resource Information Management Services (RIMS) staff, Norma Bartholomew (703-533-5787) or Keisha Dotson (703-533-5786), or e-mail wwwrim@fairfaxcounty.gov/rim.

link	Human Services Resource Guide Training Flyer
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Wednesday, January 14, 2004

Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) presents...

Bimonthly Meeting
"Faith Communities in Action"
Wednesday, January 14, 2004
2 – 4 p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Conference Rooms 2 & 3
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

- Does your Faith Community need to know more about the Fairfax County's Emergency Preparedness Plan in the event a disaster threatens our community?

- Does your Faith Community need to know how citizens and citizen groups are coordinating with the County's Emergency Management Office?

If so, please join other faith and community organizations at the Wednesday, January 14, 2004, Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action meeting in the Fairfax Government Center. Speakers will be:

- Douglas Bass
Fairfax County Emergency Management Coordinator
- Merrily Pierce, Chairperson
Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council

The meeting agenda will include:

- Welcome/Introductions – Rev. Ronald Christian
- Fairfax County Emergency Preparedness Plan
– Doug Bass and Merrily Pierce
- FCIA Nominating Committee
- Task Force Reports
- Faith Community/Community-Based Organization/
Government Agency Announcements

link	Faith Communities In Action ... January 14, 2004 Meeting Flyer
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Wednesday, January 14, 2004

The Fairfax Partnership for Youth presents ...

After-School Programs Workshop
"Too Old for Childcare – Too Young to be Left Alone!"
 Wednesday, January 14, 2004
 6:30 – 9 p.m.
 Luther Jackson Middle School
 3020 Gallows Road
 Falls Church, Virginia

The Fairfax County After-School Network (FCAN), an initiative of the Fairfax Partnership for Youth, is sponsoring the second of five regional workshops to involve key stakeholders in developing and implementing high-quality after-school programs in middle schools. This workshop will be at Luther Jackson Middle School. If you live in the school community of Glasgow, Holmes, Jackson, or Poe and are a parent, educator, PTA and/or coalition member, after-school director, business or community leader, or elected official, please join us. To register to attend, please call 703-324-5580 or email Ruth.Toxopeus@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Future workshop dates include:

Wednesday, February 4, 2004, 6:30 – 9 p.m. at Robinson Secondary School – the school communities of Lake Braddock, Robinson, Irving, and Frost.

Thursday, February 26, 2004, 6:30 – 9 p.m. at Rocky Run Middle School – the school communities of Lanier, Rocky Run, Stone, Franklin, and Liberty.

Wednesday, March 24, 2004, 6:30 – 9 p.m. at the Reston Teen Center – the school communities of Carson, Herndon, Hughes, Thoreau, Kilmer, Longfellow, and Cooper.

link	Support After-School Programs Information
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Monday, January 19, 2004

The Points of Light Foundation presents ...

National Faith Service Effort
"Martin Luther King Day 2004"
Monday, January 19, 2004

Moved by compassion and compelled by faith, congregations have always served their communities. In honor of Martin Luther King's life of service, The Points of Light Foundation is challenging congregations to take part in a national faith service effort on Martin Luther King Day, **January 19, 2004**.

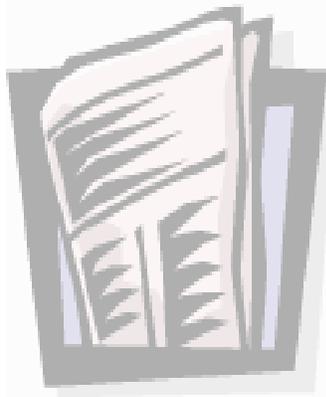
Congregations who serve their communities on Martin Luther King Day will receive national recognition in *Faith & Service* magazine and acknowledgement in a national Faith MLK Day scrapbook. More importantly, participating congregations will know that they have made a real, practical difference in their communities and that they are a part of a national faith effort to improve our nation's neighborhoods.

Getting involved is easy! Simply complete and return the attached registration form to tdegraffinreid@pointsoflight.org – even if you don't have concrete plans or haven't formulated an idea of how your congregation will serve on MLK Day. Just indicate on the form that you haven't decided on a service project yet. Once the Foundation receives your registration, they will make sure that you receive an MLK Day toolkit and other useful information to help you get started!

The Points of Light Foundation is very excited about the acts of service that faith communities will be engaging in to honor Martin Luther King on January 19, 2004. If you have any questions about this initiative, please feel free to contact Tracy Degraffinreid, MLK Day Faith Associate/AmeriCorps VISTA at the Points of Light Foundation, 202-729-8036, tdegraffinreid@pointsoflight.org.

link	Martin Luther King Day 2004 Registration Form
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News and Announcements



Parent Connection Support Groups ...

Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) offers Parent Connection Support Groups for parents and families who need a little help with parenting skills, anger management, child development information, conflict management, and other topics. Parent Connection Support Groups are offered in both English and Spanish, with meetings in Alexandria.

For more information on dates and times, please contact Paola Martinez directly at (703) 836-1820 or via e-mail at pmartinez@scanva.org.

link	Parent Education and Support Group Flyer (English)
link	Parent Education and Support Group Flyer (Spanish).
link	Parenting Classes (English).
link	Parenting Classes (Spanish).

Literacy Council of Northern Virginia ...

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia provides instruction to adults who need to develop their basic reading and writing skills. The Council has seven Adult ESL Learning Centers throughout the area. Centers include ESL classes and computer instruction. For more information and class schedules, call 703-575-7900 or click on the link below to visit their website.

link	www.lcnv.org
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Resource and Grant Opportunities —

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services ...

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, launched a new area on the ACF website devoted to the Faith-Based and Community Initiative (FBCI). The new FBCI web area features information on the faith-based and community initiative, lists links to funding opportunities, offers descriptions of featured programs, and describes resources for faith-based and community organizations. This site also provides links to key websites such as the HHS Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI), the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, and the Compassion Capital Fund National Resource Center.

link	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fbci/
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Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility - 12/22/2003

Publisher: The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy

By: Compiled by Lisa Montiel, Roundtable Research Scientist

There are five federal grant opportunities this week for community and faith-based organizations. Four are through offices of the Department of Health and Human Services and one is through the Department of Labor. Topics for these grants include improvement of child support enforcement, fatherhood programs, development of statewide networks to involve consumers and families in mental health policy, and transitioning incarcerated veterans into the workplace.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

The Office of Child Support Enforcement of ACF has announced seven priority areas for the 2004 *Special Improvement Project (SIP) Grants*. ACF is especially interested in applications from collaborations that include community and faith-based organizations. A total of \$1.5 million will be awarded. Award limits differ by priority area. Below is a brief description of each priority area and anticipated award information.

- Priority Area 1: Improving the Judicial/Administrative Processing of Child Support Enforcement Case Activities. Two grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded to develop and implement procedures to address the obstacle of requiring the physical presence of parents at hearings, to utilize federal or state parental locator services, and to increase flexibility for authorities to deviate from state child support orders without hearings.
- Priority Area 2: Educating Public on Parental Responsibilities and Promoting Healthy Marriage. Two grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded to support projects that educate unwed low-income parents or youth without children on the policies of child support enforcement and parental requirements to financially support children born out of wedlock.
- Priority Area 3: Encouraging More Timely and Appropriate Order Modifications. Two grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded for demonstration projects within a state that would increase efficiency of reviewing or modifying child support orders using automated systems.
- Priority Area 4: Expanding Customer Service Through Agency-Initiated Contact. Two grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded to projects that focus on the caseworker contacting the customer regarding child support matters instead of the customer initiating contact.
- Priority Area 5: Helping Noncustodial Parents Meet Their Child Support and Family Responsibilities. Two grants of \$200,000 each will be awarded to projects that either design and implement effective strategies of addressing noncustodial parents defaulting in their child support payments or design and implement employment programs for low-income fathers at risk of defaulting or in default of their child support payments.
- Priority Area 6: Improving Child Support Services for Ethnic and Culturally Diverse Populations. Two grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded for statewide or multi-regional projects that would increase

the child support enforcement among underserved ethnic and culturally diverse populations.

- Priority Area 7: Furthering the Child Support Mission to Ensure All Children Receive Financial and Medical Support From Their Parents. One grant of \$100,000 will be awarded to support a project not covered under any of the above priority areas but that would be an innovative approach to facilitating child support enforcement.

Applications for all of the priority areas under this grant announcement are due March 3, 2004.

Complete details can be found in the Federal Register announcement at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-31375.pdf>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The CDC is accepting applications for the *Efficacy Trials of Parenting Programs for Fathers* cooperative agreement. Under this agreement, the funded project will investigate effective prevention and intervention programs for expectant fathers or fathers of children under the age of five. The program is aimed at strategies to reduce the risk factors of child maltreatment by fathers.

One award of \$500,000 will be awarded. Letters of intent are due January 16, 2004, and applications are due February 18, 2004. The complete announcement is at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/17dec20030800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-31083.pdf>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Faith-based organizations which are qualified to provide statewide mental health improvements are invited to apply for two infrastructure grant programs. Organizations applying for *Statewide Consumer Network Grants* must be controlled and managed by mental health consumers, and those applying for the *Statewide Family Network Grants* must be controlled and managed by family members of children with emotional disturbances.

Up to \$70,000 will be awarded to 20-22 projects through the *Statewide Consumer Network Grants* program to support consumer organization systems that increase consumer input into mental health policies and programs.

Up to \$60,000 will be awarded to 43 projects through the *Statewide Family Network Grants* program to support networks that foster family involvement in the mental health system of children and adolescents with mental health problems. If

the project involves a youth leadership component, the applicant may apply for an additional \$10,000.

Application deadline is February 25, 2004, for the *Statewide Consumer Network Grant* and February 27, 2004, for the *Statewide Family Network Grant*.

The Federal Register announcements are at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-31159.pdf>

and

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-31158.pdf>

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Veterans' Employment and Training Services

The Department of Labor anticipates funding four grants of up to \$250,000 each through the *Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program: Pilot Competitive Grants*. Projects should integrate all levels of government resources to provide programs that facilitate incarcerated veterans' transition to employment. At least one award will go to a project that works with incarcerated veterans at a federal correctional facility, at least one award will go to a project in a state correctional facility, and at least one to a project in a local correctional facility.

Applications are due January 21, 2004. Complete details are in the Federal Register announcement at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-31201.pdf>

Volunteer and Employment Opportunities —

Community Interfaith Liaison Office

The Community Interfaith Liaison Office is looking for a few volunteers with good customer relations skills and who like to talk on the phone to make calls to faith communities in our database for the purpose of touching base with them and updating our information. Training will be provided at the Community Interfaith Liaison Office with the possibility of flexibility to work from the Community Interfaith Liaison Office or your own home. If you are interested, please contact our office at 703-324-3453.

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<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/cil/>

Accommodations

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services, and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call (703) 324-3453 or TTY (703) 803-7914 to request special accommodations or if you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

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Issue #2 - Week of February 24, 2003

Issue #3 - Week of March 10, 2003

Issue #4 - Week of March 24, 2003

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