



Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter

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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, workshops, events, and community coordinated initiatives that support the mission of Fairfax County Government.

If you have questions about an upcoming event, wish to submit information for possible inclusion, or would like to receive more information regarding an event that has already taken place, please send an e-mail 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.

For more information on the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, please visit our website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/cil/.

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Feature Article

Could this be happening to someone you know?

- ❖ Every 15 seconds a woman is battered.¹
- ❖ More than twice as many women are killed by their husbands or boyfriends as are murdered by strangers.¹
- ❖ Studies have found that men who batter their wives also abuse their children in 70 percent of cases. Even when children are not directly abused, they suffer as a result of witnessing one parent assault another.¹
- ❖ Domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 in our country.¹
- ❖ One in three women are impacted by abuse at some time in their lives.¹
- ❖ While women are less likely than men to be victims of violent crimes overall, women are five to eight times more likely than men to be victimized by an intimate partner.²
- ❖ In 92 percent of all domestic violence incidents, crimes are committed by men against women.³
- ❖ Family violence costs the nation from \$5 to \$10 billion annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity.⁴
- ❖ One in five female high school students reports being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner.⁵

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive and violent behavior between people who are married, living together, or who have a prior or ongoing domestic relationship. Abuse behaviors may manifest as physical assault, sexual assault or coercion, verbal harassment or threats, emotional abuse, or any combination of these. Domestic violence affects all socioeconomic levels and occurs among all types of families, regardless of income, profession, religion, ethnicity, educational level, or race.

Fairfax County area clergy are being invited to attend a free all-day workshop on Tuesday, May 18, 2004, to learn more about this important issue. Guest clergy will discuss how they have recognized domestic violence within their congregations and steps they have taken to address it. Staff representing various public and private services available for victims of domestic violence will be available to answer questions clergy may have. See page 7 for more information. To register, call Maggie Scott at 703-324-3453.

¹ The Women's Center

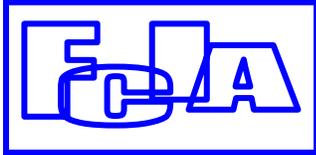
² Violence by Intimates: Analysis of Data on Crimes by Current or Former Spouses, Boyfriends, and Girlfriends, U.S. Department of Justice, March 1998

³ Violence Against Women, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, January 1994

⁴ Medical News, American Medical Association, January 1992

⁵ Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), August 2001

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, May 12, 2004**
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Government Center Conference Center Rooms 2 & 3
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA

Events...Workshops...Conferences

April 10, 2004

Building Collaborative Solutions, Inc. presents ...

Conflict Management Skills Workshops for Couples

“Asking Probing Questions to Enhance Understanding of Conflicts,
Your Partner, and Yourself”

Saturday, April 10, 2004
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Vienna, Virginia

(Please call for specific location.)

BCS, a local nonprofit organization, is offering workshops to help couples develop positive conflict management skills in a supportive environment.

Handling conflicts is difficult if we don't understand our partner's or our own perspective and behavior. Sometimes lack of information or misunderstandings lead us to perceive a conflict when one does not actually exist. Yet, it is not uncommon to make assumptions rather than ask for clarification. In this workshop, we will address when and how to ask probing questions of yourself and your partner to help clarify understanding in a considerate way.

Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, please call Dawn Gresham at 703-383-7730. The workshop fee is \$50 per couple.

April 14, 2004

Fairfax County Braddock District Office presents ...

Community Dialogue on Gang Activity & Revitalization Issues

- Dealing with Gangs in the Legal Arena - *Paul McNulty*, U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia
- What Resources are Available to Families with a Gang-Involved Child? - *Paula King*, Intake Officer, Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court
- The Courts - How to Help a Gang-Involved Youth Wanting to Leave a Gang? - *Madeline Arter*, Residential Services, Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court
- What's Being Done About Gangs - Federal, State, Local, Regional - Prevention & Enforcement

Wednesday, April 14, 2004

5 - 7 p.m.

Braddock Elementary School

7825 Heritage Drive

Annandale, VA

Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova is hosting a "Community Dialogue" series to discuss an increase in gang-related activity and revitalization issues in the Heritage Drive corridor of Annandale. Dialogue meetings are also scheduled for May 12 and June 9. For more information, visit their website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/bd/ or contact Colin Campbell at 703-425-9300.

April 17, 2004

Building Collaborative Solutions, Inc. presents ...

Conflict Management Skills Workshops for Couples

"Reframing Conflicts"

Saturday, April 17, 2004

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Vienna, Virginia

Differences in values can make resolving conflicts in a mutually acceptable way seem challenging or even impossible. In this workshop, we will cover how to reframe values-based issues to look at

conflicts from a different angle. Using this technique facilitates getting beyond deadlock, identifying common interests, and finding workable solutions. (Please call for specific location.)

Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, please call Dawn Gresham at 703-383-7730. The workshop fee is \$50 per couple.

[Link ... April 10 & April 17 BCS Workshop Flyer](#)

April 25, 2004

Carpenter's Shelter presents ...

Second Annual Carpenter's Cook-Off

Casual, informal, buffet-style Sunday afternoon of dining on delectable creations from Northern Virginia's finest chefs.

Sunday, April 25, 2004
Noon - 3 p.m.

The Birchmere
3701 Mt. Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

\$35 per ticket ~ \$100 per family

The Carpenter's Shelter 2nd Annual Carpenter's Cookoff will include tastings from great restaurants. Join us and support Aftercare, Carpenter's Shelter's innovative program that has been helping families to keep from returning to homelessness since its inception two years ago. Aftercare continues to strengthen families and communities by providing a continuum of care that specifically addresses children's needs.

Ticket costs include tasting, live entertainment by The Melonheads, a souvenir cookbook, and door prizes. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by calling 703-548-7500, extension 204, or by visiting www.carpentersshelter.org.

April 25, 2004

Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter presents ...

Volunteers of America Chesapeake, Inc.
Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter
18th Annual Open House

Sunday, April 25, 2004
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Congressman James Moran

Dinner & Refreshments
Live Entertainment
Tours, Drawings & Door Prizes

3525 Moncure Avenue
Falls Church, Virginia 22041

Join us ... it's our way of thanking our neighbors

April 28, 2004

Fairfax County Human Services presents ...

Neighborhood College: A Community Leadership Program

Annandale, Bailey's Crossroads, Falls Church,
Merrifield, Pimmit Hills, and Seven Corners

Wednesday Evenings, April 28 – June 9
6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

and

Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Bailey's Community Center
5920 Summers Lane, Falls Church

Registration Deadline: April 21, 2004

Learn how to work with other residents, community organizations, and local government to strengthen your neighborhood and promote a strong sense of community. Learn the keys to being active in your community. Neighborhood College features engaging activities to help

improve your organizational and problem-solving skills. Class size is limited, so sign up today. Contact Karla Bruce at karla.bruce@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-533-5701/TDD 703-803-7914.

[Link ... Neighborhood College Registration Form](#)

[Link ... Neighborhood College Flyer](#)

May 11, 2004

Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia presents ...

There's No Place Like Home ... 133 Children and Counting!

Benefit Breakfast

Hosted by Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia

May 11, 2004

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

at the McLean Hilton

This free, one-hour friend and fundraiser is an opportunity for you to hear firsthand how Habitat homes change the lives of families and especially their children. Come to hear what the future holds for Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, and how you can be an active member of the Habitat team. Robin Sparks, HFHNV's Director of Development for Faith and Media Relations is the FCIA point of contact for the breakfast. There are only 10 spaces per table, so call now to reserve yours. Call 703-521-9890 Ext. 105 or development@hfhnv.org.

May 18, 2004

Faith Communities in Action presents ...

An Interfaith Workshop for Clergy and Faith Leaders

Domestic Violence ...

Could This be Happening in My Faith Community?

May 18, 2004

9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Jubilee Christian Center

4650 Shirley Gate Road

Fairfax, VA

Northern Virginia clergy and faith leaders, with the support of domestic violence service providers and survivors, will present panel discussions addressing:

- Signs of domestic violence – why are they not readily seen?
- Dynamics of domestic violence – the ongoing cycle.
- The impact on children.
- What steps should be taken?

This FCIA workshop is a collaborative effort with the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, The Women's Center, Lutheran Social Services NOVACO Program for Victims of Domestic Violence, Fairfax County Women's Shelter, Victim Assistance Network, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, Fairfax County Domestic Violence Community Resource Council, Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services, Fairfax County Department of Family Services, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Domestic Violence Task Force, Network Against Family Abuse, and FAITH, Inc. Registration for this workshop is free. For more information, call 703-324-3453 or click the link below for a registration form.

[*Link ... Domestic Violence Interfaith Workshop Registration Form*](#)

June 11, 2004

The Benedictine Pastoral Center presents ...

Annual Health Care Seminar for Professionals

"Spiritual Care on the Frontlines"

June 11, 2004
8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Margaret A. Miklancie, PhD, RN
Lecturer, George Mason University
Faculty Advisor, Student Nurses Association, GMU

Margaret M. Moss, MSN, RN
Instructor, College of Nursing and Health Science, George Mason University
Coordinator of the Prince Bandar Bin Sultan Nursing Scholarship Program

Of primary interest to Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, and Social Services Staff

St. Benedict Monastery
9535 Linton Hall Road
Bristow, VA

This Benedictine Pastoral Center annual program is open to anyone, but is of primary interest to healthcare professionals and social services staff. Registered nurses are offered six (6) continuing education contact hour credits through the Maryland Nurses Association. The focus will be on the historical perspectives of spirituality, recognizing spiritual needs, providing spiritual care, and barriers to including spirituality in nursing care. For more information, contact Sr. Louise Dowgiallo, OSB, by phone at 703-393-2485 or via email at benedictinecenter@hotmail.com.

[Link ... Spiritual Care on the Frontlines Workshop Registration Form](#)

● — News, Announcements, & Updates — ●

⌘ Free Tax Assistance

Community Tax Aid provides free federal and state tax return preparation services to low-income individuals and families in the metropolitan D.C. area. Many low-income workers do not see the need to file tax returns, but they can file to have withholdings refunded. They may also be eligible for the Earned Income Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credits which the taxpayer can receive even if they owe no tax.

Click on the link below for a list of free tax preparation sites in DC, sponsored by organizations including CTA. The listing provides the languages that will be available, the dates, times, and Metro and bus transportation options. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Teresa Hinze at ctavol@aol.com or 202-347-4811.

[Link Tax Preparation Sites](#)

⌘ Hogar Hispano Paid Summer ESL Intern

Hogar Hispano has a paid Summer ESL Internship available. The Internship pays \$2,000 and is available to full-time undergraduates (rising Sophomore, Jr., or Sr.) in June – July (dates flexible). Opportunities include teaching adult ESL, coordinating summer classes for approximately 100 adults, and learning about the social, linguistic, and legal needs of the immigrant community. Open until April 15. Send resume and cover letter by email to Ginny Callahan at mailto:gcallahan@ccda.net.

⌘ Prudential Youth Leadership Institute 2004

Do you know a student who wants to make a difference in the community? This summer there is a unique opportunity, sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax, for students who display leadership qualities to attend a leadership institute for one week from Monday, June 21 – Saturday, June 26, 2004.

The Institute teaches youth a broad array of leadership skills that can be applied to any life experience through both classroom instruction and experiential training. The Institute will specifically train young leaders to identify their community's needs and seek ways to solve these problems. During the Institute, participants will plan their own community service project and implement it as a group.

The Institute is FREE. Qualified students simply need to apply no later than May 14, 2004. For more information or to receive an application, please contact Jessica Segal at Volunteer Fairfax at 703-246-3460 or email jsegal@volunteerfairfax.org.

[*Link Youth Leadership Institute 2004 ... Sponsored by Volunteer Fairfax*](#)

⌘ Groveton Baptist Church Clothing Room

The Groveton Baptist Church (GBC) Clothing Room is open to all adults and teenagers who need clothes, shoes, baby items, and household items. Everything is free. Donations can be dropped off Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7–9 p.m., Friday afternoons from 1–2:30 p.m., or at the church office weekdays 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The GBC Clothing Room is open for shopping Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. and Friday afternoons from 1-2:30 p.m. GBC is located at 6511 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia, just north of Beacon Mall and across from Target. For a complete listing of Clothing Room Rules and calendar of available dates, click on the link below.

[*Link Groveton Baptist Church Clothing Room Rules \(English Version\)*](#)

[*Link Groveton Baptist Church Clothing Room Rules \(Spanish Version\)*](#)

[*Link Groveton Baptist Church Clothing Room Calendar*](#)

⌘ Parent Connection Support Groups ...

Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) offers Parenting Classes, Developmental Playgroups for Parents and Children for children 0 to 5 years of age, and 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. 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 – Fairlington United Methodist Church*](#)

[*Link ... Parent Education and Support – Sacramento Neighborhood Center*](#)

[*Link ... Parenting Classes – Fairlington United Methodist Church*](#)

[*Link ... Developmental Playgroups – Woodrow Wilson Library*](#)

● Help Wanted ●

⌘ Fairfax County Victim Assistance Network

Fairfax County Victim Assistance Network (VAN), a program of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, is seeking volunteers to staff its 24-hour/7-day-a-week hotline. Bilingual and bicultural volunteers are especially welcomed. This is a great volunteer opportunity that can be done from home.

Volunteers are asked to take 40 hours of training prior to being a hotline counselor. Spring training will begin April 3 and run until May 26. Within that time frame, there will be two all-day trainings on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Remaining sessions will be held every Wednesday from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. The training will take place at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia, located near Fort Belvoir.

Interested individuals should contact Deborah Harrison, Volunteer Coordinator, at 703-704-6716 or email to Deborah.harrison@fairfaxcounty.gov.

VAN is also available to speak to members of your faith community through their Community Education Outreach Program. Their hotline is available 24/7 at 703-360-7273 or TTY 703-799-8253.

⌘ Long-Term Care Coordinating Council

Are you offering a social day program for younger adults (18 years and older) with developmental disabilities at your faith community?

If you are offering such a program at your church or organization, or know of such a program, please help us out by letting us know.

Please contact Sharron Dreyer at 703-914-0551 or email to sharron.dreyer@fairfaxcounty.gov. This area has been identified as a "gap" in the long-term care services area. We are interested in having a contact person for the program, eligibility criteria, services offered, numbers of clients served, fees, and any other information you can provide.

⌘ Northern Virginia Family Services Respite Care Program

NVFS seeks respite providers for temporary placements. The NVFS Therapeutic Respite Care (TRC) program is looking for individuals in the Northern Virginia area interested in helping families of children with special needs. Therapeutic Respite Care provides temporary, quality, family settings for children from birth to age 18 who have emotional, behavioral, physical, or developmental needs that require short-term placement out of their own homes. A child typically stays in respite care for two days, although respite could be as much as 30 days on occasion. While in respite care, children are given the opportunity to remain in the least restrictive environment – a family setting – while giving their caretakers a break from the demands of parenting a child with special needs. NVFS provides extensive training and supportive case management to families that qualify for the TRC program. Please call Melissa Laird at 703-219-2132 for more information.

⌘ Community Interfaith Liaison Office

The Community Interfaith Liaison Office is looking for 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 flexibility to work from your own home. If interested, please call 703-324-3453.

Resource & Grant Opportunities

Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program

The Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program will fund intermediary organizations to provide faith-based organizations and community organizations 1) technical assistance and 2) financial support through sub-awards. The grant will be awarded to an experienced intermediary organization within a well-defined geographic location with a proven track record of providing technical assistance to smaller faith-based and community organizations in their communities. The technical assistance will increase these smaller organizations' effectiveness, enhance their ability to provide social services, expand their organizations, diversify their funding sources, and create collaborations to better serve those most in need.

WHEN: Applications due May 18, 2004.

You can access the full program announcement at www.hhs.gov/fbcj or <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-6204.htm>

Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility - 2/17/2004

Publisher: The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy
By: Compiled by Lisa Montiel, Roundtable Research Scientist

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Administration for Children and Families

The Family and Youth Services Bureau of ACF is inviting community-based and faith-based organizations (with or without 501(c)3 status) to apply for the *Mentoring Children of Prisoners* grant program. The grant will support new mentoring programs or the expansion of existing programs. Grantees will coordinate networks of participants in mentoring activities and be responsible for all aspects of the mentoring program from outreach, education, training, operation and evaluation. The total funding for the program is \$50 million with an individual award maximum of \$1 million. Application deadline is April 23, 2004. The Federal Register announcement is at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-3844.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)

The CSREES of the USDA is accepting new applications for two types of projects under the *Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program* from qualified organizations (requirements are listed in the announcement). The first project type, the *Community Food Project*, should include activities such as providing food to low-income individuals, increase community food strategies, improve and develop the food and agricultural infrastructure, or create innovative marketing that benefits producers and low-income

consumers. The second project type is *Training and Technical Assistance*. This grant is designed to support organizations that may not be familiar with the federal grant application and administration procedures, or to more effectively operate a Community Food Project.

The USDA anticipates a total of \$4,600,000 will be available to fund the program with up to \$500,000 of the \$4.6 million for Training and Technical Assistance Projects. Application deadline is April 14, 2004. The Request for Applications for both Community Food Projects and Training and Technical Assistance Projects is at http://www.ree.usda.gov/1700/funding/rfapdf/rfa04community_foods.pdf.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION/MAXIMUS

The contractor responsible for managing the Social Security Administration's *Employment Networks (EN) for the Ticket-to-Work and Self-Sufficiency Program*, MAXIMUS, is recruiting organizations to participate in their non-competitive, open-ended application process. The Ticket-to-Work program provides SSA beneficiaries with disabilities assistance and options in acquiring employment services, vocational rehabilitation, and other support services. The Request for Applications and other information can be downloaded at <http://www2.epls.gov/spg/SSA/DCFIAM/OAG/SSA-RFP-03-0010C/Attachments.html>.

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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