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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.

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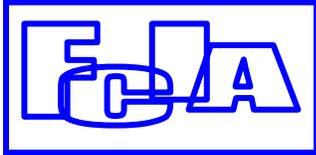
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Faith Communities in Action



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, July 14, 2004
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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

Events...Workshops...Conferences

June 6 – 7, 2004

Second Annual Governor's Conference presents ...

Covering the Uninsured:
Making a Business Case for Providing Health Insurance
Coverage to Virginia's Working Uninsured

June 6 – 7, 2004

The National Conference Center
Lansdowne, Virginia

You are invited! This conference targets members of business associations, business owners, insurers, health care providers, health policy leaders, and legislators, as well as individuals, agencies, and community and faith-based organizations concerned about the plight of Virginia's working uninsured.

The overall purpose of the conference is to explore the circumstances that have led to numerous working Virginians being uninsured. The goal is to identify a range of potential solutions that would enable Virginia to reduce the rate of its working uninsured and elicit feedback about their feasibility. For more information and to register online, please visit <http://www.InsureMoreVirginians.org>.

June 9, 2004

The Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area presents ...

Treatments That Impact Dementia

Wednesday, June 9, 2004

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Mt. Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center
8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 137
Alexandria, Virginia

For more information, call 703-704-6050

June 17, 2004

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna presents ...

Caregiver R & R Day

June 17, 2004

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. This is a special day of rest and relaxation for older adult caregivers. Daycare for your care receiver is free on a space-available basis. Register by June 10, 2004, at 703-281-0538.

June 17, 2004

Building Collaborative Solutions, Inc. presents ...

Financial Conflict Management Skills Workshops for Couples

Thursday, June 17, 2004

7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

or

Saturday, June 19, 2004

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

at Fairfax Nursing Center
Activity Room, 4th Floor
10701 Main Street, Fairfax, Virginia

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

Many couples experience differences over financial issues, regardless of income. Unfortunately, financial disagreements frequently aggravate existing problems and create new ones. Couples experiencing issues with finances are sometimes surprised by how rapidly the situation affects their job performance and personal relationships. During this two-hour workshop, couples will learn about achieving financial success and communicating to enhance financial management.

Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, please call Dawn Gresham at 703-383-7730.

June 22, 2004

George Mason University presents ...

One-Day Enrichment Training Program for Non-Profits
Sponsored by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

Tuesday, June 22, 2004
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

George Mason University, Arlington Campus (Old Building)
3401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 244
Arlington, VA 22201

Cost: \$75

Payment and registration must be received by June 11, 2004.

This event is co-sponsored by George Mason University/School of Public Policy and the National Center for Nonprofit Enterprise in collaboration with Business Development Assistance Group, Inc. The training seminar is devoted to helping your nonprofit to improve its program service delivery system through technology and to increase organizational capabilities through a better economic decision-making process and diversification of funding sources.

For more details or registration forms, visit www.bdag.org. Contact information can be obtained from Robin Roberts at 703-538-7412 or email to tquangdo@aol.com.

July 15 – 16, 2004

US Department of Health and Human Services and The Collaboration to AdoptUSKids presents ...

AdoptUSKids National Adoption
and
Foster Care Recruitment Summit

“Answering the Call: Partnering with Communities of Faith”

July 15 – 16, 2004

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel
2660 Woodley Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

The AdoptUSKids National Adoption and Foster Care Recruitment Summit, sponsored by the Children’s Bureau at the Department of Health and Human Services and AdoptUSKids, offers a unique opportunity for leaders of the faith community to come together on behalf of the 126,000 children in the foster care system who are in need of loving, adoptive homes. This is an opportunity to learn more about these special children, to hear how community- and faith-based organizations are already making a difference, and to strategize with State adoption and foster care agencies about how congregations and faith-based organizations can get involved in improving the prospects for these children.

To register visit www.cwla.org/conferences/2004adoptuskids.htm.

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⌘ Nurturing Parenting Program ...

The Nurturing Parenting Program is a Fairfax County sponsored program that strives to promote family functioning and fight child abuse through work with parents and their children. This program is designed to be community based, with one faith group or organization providing the space for a 15 – 24 week course (or year-round), and other congregations/groups supporting the program by providing food and childcare on assigned night.

We have programs organizing now in the Mount Vernon area, but we hope that you will consider supporting the host congregation in this effort. With many congregations participating, the burden for any one group will be limited, perhaps only three times per year.

What is Required and How You Can Help ...

Each week we would like a different congregation or group to do two things:

1. Childcare ... provide childcare with our staff – usually 10 – 15 infants through 4-year-olds and six to eight children ages 5 – 11 years. We need two to three volunteers from 5:15 p.m. – 8 p.m. Older teens may volunteer.
2. Food ... prepare/serve/clean up after a dinner for 40 – 50 people. We need approximately five people from 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. Older teens may volunteer.

Dinner ideas: A sample dinner might include spaghetti, salad, fruit cocktail, rolls, dessert, water, juice, or tea. Other dinner suggestions include chicken (BBQ, fried or baked), Macaroni and Cheese, Beef Macaroni, Pizza, Chicken Nuggets, Cold Cuts, Soups, Lasagna, Hot Dogs, or Casseroles.

For more information about the program, to contact the “host” church in your area, or to sign up, please contact Krissa Slone at 703-324-7745 or via email at Krissa.slone@fairfaxcounty.gov.

⌘ 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 let 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.

Resource & Grant Opportunities

The Safe and Drug-Free Schools-Mentoring Programs grant provides assistance to promote mentoring programs for children with greatest need that: (1) assist these children in receiving support and guidance from a mentor; (2) improve the academic performance of the children; (3) improve interpersonal relationships between the children and their peers, teachers, other adults, and family members; (4) reduce the dropout rate of the children; and (5) reduce juvenile delinquency and involvement in gangs by the children.

To be eligible for funding, a project must address the academic and social needs of children with the greatest need through school-based mentoring programs and activities and provide these students with mentors. These programs and activities must serve children with the greatest need in one or more grades 4th through 8th living in rural areas, high-crime areas, or troubled home environments, or who attend schools with violence problems.

In response to public comments received, the application contains significant changes from the notice of proposed priorities. In particular, the Department has revised the definition of "school-based mentoring" to mean "mentoring activities that are closely coordinated with schools, including the involvement of teachers, counselors, and other school staff in the identification and referral of students, and that are focused on improved academic achievement, reduced student referrals for disciplinary reasons, increased bonding to school, and positive youth development."

Under a competitive preference priority, five additional points will be added to a consortium of eligible applicants that includes either: a) at least one local education agency (LEA) and at least one faith-based or community organization (FBCO) other than a school that provides services to youth and families in the community; or b) at least one private school that qualifies as a nonprofit FBCO and at least one other FBCO other than a school that provides services to youth and families in the community.

Application Deadline is July 7, 2004.

The 2004 application package is available at <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2004-2/052804f.html>

A technical assistance webcast is available at <http://www.connectlive.com/events/mentoring/>

A sample quality proposal from a previous competition is available at <http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/grants2.html#safe>

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Administration for Children and Families

There are seven funding opportunities through the Administration for Children and Families for qualified faith-based organizations. The *Field Initiated Service Demonstration Projects in the Adoption Field* will fund five projects that focus on new or innovative approaches to improving the quality of adoption services.

Potential topics include increasing adoption of older children, sibling groups and children with disabilities. Funded projects will address one of the following key priorities: Faith-based and Community Initiatives, Healthy Marriage, Fatherhood, Rural Initiatives, or Positive Youth Development and Prevention.

Those projects that address the "Faith-based and Community Initiatives" priority will address the removal of barriers to full participation of faith-based and community organizations in the delivery of services related to adoption.

A total of \$2 million is available for the program. The ceiling on individual grants is \$400,000. Applications are due July 13, 2004. The complete announcement is in the Federal Register at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-10966.pdf>.

The *Family Support Services for Grandparents and Other Relatives Providing Caregiving for Children of Substance Abusing and/or HIV-Positive Women* grant will support the establishment or enhancement of systems of support services. Funded activities include counseling, legal and financial services, and assistance with custodial issues.

Projects will be models for service provision to the targeted population and should include the development and implementation of an evidence-based strategy, provide evidence of the model's effectiveness, and produce materials so that others may replicate the model.

A total of \$400,000 is available with an estimated four grants being awarded in amounts of \$100,000 each. Grantees must provide at least 10 percent of the project cost. Applications are due July 12, 2004. The Federal Register announcement is at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-10557.pdf>.

Projects creating employment or business opportunities for targeted low-income individuals may apply for a grant under the *Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) Program*.

The four priority areas to be funded are providing technical and/or financial assistance to businesses already in existence, creation of self-employment/micro-enterprise programs, development of new businesses that will train and employ 40-100 TANF individuals, and training women and minorities in non-traditional careers.

A total of \$4.5 million is available for the program. Nine to ten grants will be awarded with an average award amount estimated at \$500,000. Applications are due July 12, 2004. The Federal Register announcement is at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-10554.pdf>.

Faith-based community development corporations (CDCs) are invited to apply for *Operational Projects* under the Community Services Block Grant Program's *Community Economic Development Discretionary Grant Program*. The grants are to support a CDC's ability to create new programs that provide employment and business opportunities for low-income individuals. Project activities include business startups, business expansions, and development of new products and services. Projects must result in the creation of new jobs.

A total of \$11 million is available for the program. An estimated 15-17 grants will be awarded with the ceiling on individual award amounts at \$700,000. Applications are due July 12, 2004. The complete program announcement can be found in the Federal Register at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-10558.pdf>.

There are two more funding opportunities through the *Community Services Block Grant Training and Technical Assistance Program* (in addition to those previously announced in the Roundtable e-newsletter). The first -- *Program Innovations of National Significance* -- will support one organization with experience providing training on effective methods of addressing the needs of low-income families and communities.

The successful applicant will develop an innovative strategy for program collaboration among CSBG entities and other service providers, such as faith-based and community organizations, foundations, community development corporations, and United Way agencies.

One grant will be supported with \$75,000. Applications are due June 28, 2004. The complete announcement is at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-10968.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Faith-based organizations may apply for a grant through the Children's Bureau entitled, *Demonstration Projects in Post-Adoption Services and Marriage Education*. The grants will support up to seven projects that implement and evaluate evidence-based models for post-adoption services that includes a marriage education component for the adoptive parents.

A total of \$2 million is available with the ceiling on individual award amounts set at \$300,000. A 10 percent match is required of the grantees. Applications are due July 23, 2004. The complete announcement is at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-11645.pdf>.

Faith-based community development corporations are invited to apply for three grant opportunities through the *Community Services Block Grant Program: Community Economic Development Discretionary Grant Program*. The first two are *Incremental Development Projects* grants with the goal of increasing employment and business opportunities for the targeted populations. One grant is exclusively for services to American Indian and Native Alaskan communities and one is for other rural and urban areas. The program announcement outlines the specific eligibility requirements for applicants.

Both grants will support projects that implement business development activities such as business startups, business expansions, new services/industry development, and new commercial activities. Project periods are expected to be up to five years with funding limited to a maximum of \$140,000 for the first stage of a project. Applications for each program are due July 19, 2004.

The total available funding in Fiscal Year 2004 for the *Incremental Development Projects - American Indian and Native Alaskan* is \$140,000 to support one to two projects. The complete program announcement is in the Federal Register at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-11236.pdf>.

The total available funding in Fiscal Year 2004 for the general *Incremental Development Projects* is \$1,120,000. Eight to ten projects will be funded with the average award expected to be \$112,000. The complete program announcement is in the Federal Register at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-11238.pdf>.

The third funding opportunity through the *CSBG Program: Community Economic Development Discretionary Grant Program* is for *Planning Projects*. In order to be eligible for this grant, the faith-based community development corporation must be less than three years old or inexperienced in developing and managing economic development projects. The goal of the program is to create and foster employment and business opportunities for low-income individuals.

The grants are to be used to support the successful applicants in planning, developing organizational capacity, identifying potential projects, mobilizing resources and developing a business plan to implement a project. In addition, the applicant may propose to conduct feasibility studies covering business startups, business expansions, new services/industry development, and new commercial activities.

A total of \$750,000 will be awarded to 10-12 successful applicants with individual award amounts anticipated to be \$75,000. The Federal Register announcement is at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/pdf/04-11237.pdf>.

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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