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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.

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Feature Articles

December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month ... *(From the website of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA))*

Driving after drinking alcohol or using illicit drugs is a serious concern, especially around the holiday season when many people attend parties where alcohol and drugs may be readily available.

In 2002, approximately one in seven (or 33.5 million) Americans drove after using alcohol or illicit drugs at least once in the previous 12 months, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) [National Survey on Drug Use and Health \(NSDUH\)](#). Additionally, NSDUH found that about 11 million Americans drove while under the influence of an illicit drug during the previous 12 months.

The only way to guarantee that you are driving safely is to avoid alcohol and illicit drugs completely. Even one drink can slow reflexes and make you sluggish as it alters your blood alcohol concentration.

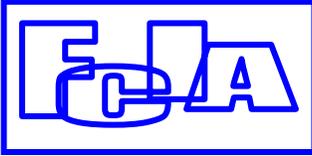
Factors such as gender, body weight, rate of alcohol consumption, alcohol tolerance, and amount of sleep cause each person to react to alcohol differently. To ensure you are safe while behind the wheel of a car, you should not have had a single drink.

Don't be a statistic this holiday season or throughout the year. When you attend parties, designate a driver, who will abstain from alcoholic drinks so that he or she can safely drive impaired persons home. Better yet, avoid drinking yourself. Sober ride programs are another option available in many communities during the holidays. These programs offer safe rides home to people who have consumed too much alcohol.

December has been designated National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month (3D Month) in the hopes of raising awareness of the risks associated with driving after drinking or using drugs. For ideas of what your community can do to combat impaired driving, and for a downloadable program planner, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

Contact SAMHSA's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) for more information about preventing impaired driving and alcohol and drug abuse in your community. SAMHSA's NCADI can be reached on the Internet at <http://ncadi.samhsa.gov> or by phone at 1-800-729-6686.

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.

Wednesday, January 12, 2004

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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

Presentation: How Faith Communities Can Impact Affordable Housing Opportunities

The Faith Communities in Action Housing Task Force has developed a directory which identifies and describes how local congregations have become involved in affordable housing initiatives. The directory will be presented at this January 12 meeting. The directory includes faith community partnerships with nonprofit organizations, coalitions, and independent congregation projects. These diverse opportunities accommodate small to large congregations. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Gerry Creedon, pastor at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Arlington, the Arlington Diocese's Peace and Justice Commission Chairperson, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy.

Events...Workshops...Conferences

Friday and Saturday, December 3 & 4, 2004

2004 Northern Virginia Conference on Nonprofit Management

"Synergy In Our Sector"

December 3 & 4, 2004

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, VA

"Synergy In Our Sector" is the theme for this year's conference featuring nearly 30 outstanding sessions, peer exchange groups, and numerous exhibitors on December 3-4 at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA. The conference will engage hundreds of nonprofit professionals by focusing on a broad range of management issues common to the nonprofit sector, including advocacy, board governance, communications, program evaluation, financial management, fundraising, human resources, leadership, nonprofit law, research, service delivery, small/all volunteer nonprofit issues, and volunteer management. The

2004 conference builds upon the "Conference for Community-Based Nonprofit Management: Best Practices for Continual Improvement" conducted by the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development in March 2003. As a result of the successful 2003 event, the County and other nonprofit and private sector organizations joined together to collaborate on the 2004 conference. This year's conference expands the geographic reach of participants throughout Northern Virginia and includes a broader range of nonprofit organizations. For more information, contact Emily Swenson at eswenson@volunteerfairfax.org or (703) 246-3460 or visit the conference Web site at www.nvcbo.org.

Monday, December 6, 2004

Annandale Interfaith Communities for Dialogue presents ...

Building Community through Understanding
Fall 2004 Dialogue Series

"Working Together for a Better Community"

Monday, December 6, 2004 at 7 p.m.

Congregation Olam-Tikvah
3800 Glenbrook Road
Fairfax, VA

The Annandale Interfaith Community Dialogue Steering Committee is hosting a 2004 Fall Community Dialogue Series. The next session is scheduled for December 6. Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon, Reverend Mark Olsen, and Imam Johari Abdul-Malik will participate in a panel discussion aimed at increasing people of different faiths understanding of each other's religion. The group's vision is that of "Building Community through Understanding." Community participants will break out into small groups to discuss the evening's panel topic. Participation is free, and refreshments will be provided. For additional information, please call the Community Interfaith Liaison Office at 703-324-3453.

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

SCAN and Fairfax ChildFind presents ...

Are You Concerned About Your Child's Development?
Come to a Free Workshop for Families
Tuesday, December 7, 2004
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Woodrow Wilson Library
1601 Knollwood Drive
Falls Church, VA

Come to a workshop for families presented by SCAN and Fairfax ChildFind to learn about free evaluations for children ages 0 – 4 years old; how to evaluate the language, reasoning, social, and body coordination development of your child and what are parents' rights regarding free evaluations for their children. For more information, please call Easter Seals at 703-534-4596 Ext. 104. This workshop is brought to you by Success by 6®, a collaborative effort of SCAN of Northern Virginia and Hispanic Committee of Virginia to support Easter Seals Developmental Playgroups.

Thursday, December 9, 2004
The Roundtable presents ...

Annual Conference of the Roundtable
on Religion and Social Welfare Policy

"2005 and Beyond: Next Steps for Faith-Based Social Services"

Thursday, December 9, 2004
Wyndham Washington Hotel
1400 M St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Jim Towe, Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will highlight the Bush Administration's vision and goals for its second term when he addresses the Roundtable's annual conference -- "2005 and Beyond: Next Steps for Faith-Based Social Services." There is no charge for attendance, but space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register online visit The Roundtable Website at www.religionandsocialpolicy.org and click on the "Events" tab.

Conference highlights include:

- Morning Plenary Session ~ "The State of the Law: 2004" by law professors Ira C. Lupu and Robert W. Tuttle, co-directors of legal research for the Roundtable. This session will update the current legal environment surrounding government-funded support of faith-based social services providers, including relevant legal cases at both the federal and state levels. This report will supplement the original "State of the Law" released in 2002 and the update which was published last year.
- Mid-morning Plenary Session ~ "2005 and Beyond: Next Steps for Faith-Based Social Services." This session will begin with Jim Towe's address, followed by a panel discussion with top policymakers on the future of the Faith-Based and Community Initiative.

- Luncheon featuring a panel discussion with leading journalists who cover religious issues. Confirmed panelists include Barbara Bradley-Haggerty from National Public Radio and Adelle Banks from Religion News Service.
- Afternoon Breakout Sessions featuring new research on:
 - The scope and effectiveness of faith-based social services;
 - Trends and activities affecting state partnerships with faith-based organizations;
 - Whether and how partnering with government affects the prophetic voice of religious groups serving the needy.

Save the date and [register online](#) now to join us for a comprehensive post-election look at the status of faith-based social service in America and the outlook for its future.

— News, Announcements, & Updates —

⌘ [Washington Post 2005 Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management ...](#)

The Washington Post 2005 Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management is a program to find the best in nonprofit management in the Washington metropolitan area and spotlight these winners to the community. The Washington Council of Agencies will name one organization the winner. That winner will receive a \$5,000 unrestricted cash grant, as well as a \$2,500 scholarship for a nonprofit management course offered through George Washington University's Nonprofit Management program. Up to four honorable mentions will also each receive a \$2,500 unrestricted cash grant award. All nonprofit organizations are welcome to complete the application. The deadline for Part One of the application is December 15, 2004. For more information about the award or to access the online application, visit http://www.wcanonprofits.org/newsletter1852/newsletter_show.htm?doc_id=241352. If you have questions, contact Susan Sanow at awards@wcanonprofits.org or (202) 457-0540.

⌘ [The Virginia Network of Nonprofit Organizations \(VANNO\) ...](#)

Virginia nonprofits are pleased to hear that VANNO has just been established in the region. VANNO is an organization that connects Virginia nonprofit organizations to promote, enhance, and strengthen their services to benefit the citizens of Virginia. VANNO has received its 501(c)(3) status, elected its first board of directors, and has settled in as a wing of the Nonprofit Enterprise Institute of Virginia Commonwealth University. If you are interested in learning more about VANNO or becoming a member, send an e-mail to nonprofitei@vcu.edu or call (804) 828-2545.

Resource & Grant Opportunities

Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility

Publisher: The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy

By: Lisa Montiel, Roundtable Research Scientist

The grant opportunities this week for community- and faith-based organizations are through programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

In addition to the request for papers announced last week, the National Institute of Justice is also accepting concept papers on the following research related to crime technology.

The first solicitation for papers, Using Technology to Combat Violence Against Women, is to support research, development, testing and evaluation of technologies that assist in combating violence against women. Examples of technologies include duress alarms, monitoring systems, and domestic violence information sharing tools.

Up to \$1 million is anticipated for this program. The deadline for submission of concept papers is December 13, 2004. The solicitation for concept papers is at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000686.pdf>

The second funding opportunity is on the topic of Less-Lethal and Pursuit Management Technologies. NIJ is seeking concept papers that propose research or technologies that will assist criminal justice personnel to better manage individuals, crowds and high-speed vehicles. NIJ is interested in proposals for new technologies that incapacitate or distract an individual long enough so that an officer can safely apply restraints, development of innovative devices, concepts, and techniques to deliver effectively less-lethal force independent of range or environment, data collection and analysis of less-lethal device-induced injuries, and development of devices that will safely and effectively immobilize motor vehicles in an open-road pursuit or at checkpoints.

The deadline for submission of concept papers is December 13, 2004. The solicitation for concept papers is at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000689.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

HRSA has released the Fiscal Year 2005 Preview grant opportunities. Faith-based and other organizations interested in applying for any of the HRSA grants should read the "Guidance and Policy Statement of Religious Nondiscrimination in Grant Eligibility and Service Delivery Faith-Based and Other Community Organizations" at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/nondiscrimination.htm>.

The relevant funding opportunities for faith-based and community-based organizations will be summarized here in the grant digest of the Roundtable's e-newsletter when the relevant programs' application kits become available. The FY 2005 Preview is at: <ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/guidance05/preview.pdf>. Below are a few of these funding opportunities that already have application guidance and kits available.

Faith-based and other organizations meeting the qualifications outlined in the program announcement may apply for a grant under the *Healthy Start Initiative: Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities*. The specific populations to be served, geographic areas served, and activities expected are described in detail in the program announcement.

Over \$73 million will be awarded to about 75 projects for fiscal year 2005. The deadline for the next cycle of funding is December 28, 2004. The application package can be found at:

<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidancemch/hrsa05013-05037.htm>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for an Advanced Education Nursing Program grant to enhance advanced nursing education and practice. Eight projects will be supported with a total of approximately \$2 million. The deadline for applications is December 3, 2004. The program announcement is at:

<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidanceprofessions/hrsa05024.htm>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations are invited to apply for a grant under the Comprehensive Geriatric Education Program. The types of projects supported by this grant include those that train individuals who will provide geriatric care for the elderly, develop and disseminate curricula relating to the treatment of the health problems of elderly individuals, train faculty members in geriatrics, or provide continuing education to individuals who provide geriatric care.

A total of \$660,000 will be awarded to an estimated 13 grantees. The maximum individual award amount is \$50,000. Applications are due December 3, 2004. The application guidance documents are at:

<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidanceprofessions/hrsa05068.htm>.

The Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health (Border, Alaska, and Hawaii) grant will support projects located within 62 miles from the United States-Mexican border, within the State of Alaska or within Hawaii. Selected communities must also have a high incidence of poor perinatal health indicators, whether due to factors of education, income, disability, or living in rural areas. The grants will support projects that provide core service interventions - such as direct outreach, case management, health education, interconceptional care, and screening for depression - as well as the four core system activities of developing a local health systems action plan, a consortium, collaboration with the State Title V Program, and a sustainability plan.

HRSA anticipates awarding two grants of up to \$750,000 annually for projects of four-year duration. Applications are due December 28, 2004. The program announcement and application guidance are at:

<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidancemch/hrsa05013-05037.htm>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for a grant entitled, New Access Points in Programs Funded under the Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996, to establish a Community Health Center, Migrant Health Center, Health Care for the Homeless, Public Housing Primary Care, and/or School-Based Health Center. Each type of health center has specific requirements, expected activities, and outcomes. Interested applicants are referred to the consolidated program announcement for detailed information.

This New Access Points funding opportunity is different than the Service Area Competition Funding for the Consolidated Health Center Program announced in the September 28, 2004, edition of the Roundtable™ e-newsletter. The earlier funding announcement was for projects serving the same areas and/or populations already being served by existing health centers whose project period was expiring. This announcement is for the establishment of new service delivery sites.

For the entire 2005 fiscal year, a total of \$99.2 million is expected to be awarded to 160 successful applicants. The maximum individual award amount is anticipated to be \$650,000. Applications for the first round of funding are due December 1, 2004. The program announcement is at:

<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidanceprimary/hrsa05101.htm>.

National Institutes of Health

Qualified faith-based and other organizations with a capacity to engage in interdisciplinary research are encouraged to apply for the Lapse or Relapse to Drug Abuse and Other Chronic Conditions grant. The funds will support research that will lead to an improved understanding of the relapsing nature of drug addiction. Examples of research themes include: the neurobiological, behavioral, cognitive antecedents, indices, and/or predictors of relapse; the consequences of relapse; and studies that have the potential to suggest treatment or relapse prevention strategies based on underlying mechanisms revealed by basic research.

A total of approximately \$2 million will fund six to eight new grants. Letters of intent are due December 27, 2004 and applications are due January 25, 2005. The request for applications can be found at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-05-004.html> The Centers of Excellence in Translational Human Stem Cell Research grant will support the establishment of three new centers that will accelerate the application of the latest advances in human stem cell biology. The centers will bring together basic stem cell biologists, researchers and clinicians with disease-specific expertise, physicians and surgeons skilled in novel modes of cell delivery, and investigators experienced in developing and assessing animal models of human diseases. The result will be the creation of new research teams that will develop novel diagnostic or therapeutic uses of human stem cell biology and conduct preclinical studies employing human stem cells in animal models of disease.

A total of \$4.5 million will support three new Centers of Excellence. Letters of intent are due February 24, 2005, and applications are due March 24, 2005. The request for applications is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NS-05-005.html>.

The Regional Translational Research Center Planning Grants will support projects in the planning stage of establishing Regional Translational Research Centers. Three types of center planning will be funded under this opportunity: regional center, core technology center, and expanded center.

Regional centers provide clinical research services such as data/statistical/bioinformatics support, assistance with regulatory issues and communication with IRBs, recruitment cores, pilot project support, and specialized staff as appropriate. Core technology centers provide core technologies on a regional or national scale to aid the study of disease pathogenesis or early-phase clinical interventional studies. Expanded centers provide both regional clinical research services and core technologies.

A total of \$3 million is available to support at least 20 grants. It is anticipated that the number of planning grants awarded will be 10 to 15 Regional Centers, two to four Core Technology Centers, and three to six Expanded Centers. The ceiling on individual planning grant awards is \$150,000 per year. Letters of intent are due December 1, 2004, and applications are due January 19, 2005. The request for applications is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-05-008.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the Small Grants Program for Cancer Epidemiology to support pilot projects, testing of new techniques, secondary analyses of existing data, and development of innovative projects that could provide a basis for more extended research. Specific activities include questionnaire development, preliminary assessment of exposure prevalence, test development, and support for secondary analyses of existing datasets. Examples of relevant research proposals can be found in the program announcement. NIH anticipates awarding 30-40 grants with individual annual awards of \$50,000 for a maximum of two years. The next deadline for applications is November 21, 2005. The program announcement is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-04-159.html>.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

The 2005 AmeriCorps Grant Guidelines and application instructions are now available. Faith-based and other organizations operating a program in two or more states may apply as a new applicant for an AmeriCorps National Direct program grant. The grants support the operation of national and community service programs. The amount of the individual awards is dependent on the scope of the proposed project.

Faith-based and other organizations are also eligible to apply for an AmeriCorps National Planning Grant. These grants are specifically to assist faith-based and secular community programs to organize, prepare and increase their capacity so that they are ready to compete for an AmeriCorps National Direct program grant in the succeeding funding cycle. Individual award amounts for Planning Grants average \$50,000.

Applications are due March 8, 2005. The application instructions for both of these programs can be found at: <http://www.americorps.org/pdf/2005guidelines/2005NationalApplicationInstructions%20FINAL.pdf>. The 2005 guidelines for the entire AmeriCorps program are at: <http://www.americorps.org/pdf/2005guidelines/2005%20AmeriCorps%20Guidelines%20FINAL.pdf>.

Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) implements final rule for equal participation of faith based organizations.

1. HUD issued two new rules that revised HUD regulations to remove barriers to the participation of faith-based organizations in eight programs listed below that are administered by the Office of Community Planning and Development. The first rule was published on September 30, 2003, and the second rule was published on July 9, 2004.

Copies of the rules can be accessed on-line at:

<http://www.hud.gov/initiatives/fbci/finalrule.pdf> and
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/finalfr070904.pdf>

2. Notice CPD-04-10 provides guidance on certain aspects of the September 30, 2003, final rule that requires equal treatment of faith based organizations. This notice provides guidance to CPD grantees that administer eight (8) HUD programs. The notice that provides guidance on the September 30, 2003, rule applies to the following programs that are administered by the Office of Community Planning and Development.

- HOME Investment Partnership (HOME),
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) including Economic Development Initiative (EDI), Brownfields (BEDI) and Section 108 Loan Guarantees,
- HOPE 3,
- Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids (HOPWA),
- Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG),
- Supportive Housing Program (SHP),
- Shelter Plus Care , and
- Youthbuild

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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