



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.

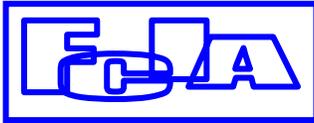
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Faith Communities in Action



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.

Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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

Presentations ...

Ambulance Transport Billing to start in Fairfax County April 1, 2005

What are the Charges?

Does Health Insurance Pay?

What are the Options for those without Health Insurance?

Speaker: Lt. Raul G. Castillo, Public Information Officer
Fairfax County Fire and Rescue

Bioterrorism Attack – Volunteer Response???

Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) ... What is it and how can you be involved?

In the event of a bioterrorism attack or a naturally occurring epidemic, MRC volunteers would be called upon to staff vaccination or medication dispensing sites. In a worst case scenario, this could mean providing for all residents in Fairfax County ~ more than 1 million people ~ in three to five days. To accomplish this, 96 teams, comprising 142 people per team, would staff dispensing sites at all county public high schools and George Mason University.

How can your faith community become involved?

What are the requirements?

Is training provided?

Speaker: Donna Foster MRC Coordinator
Fairfax County Health Department

Events...Workshops...Conferences

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Northern Virginia Association for Volunteer Administration presents ...

Volunteer Recognition and Outcomes Workshop

Thursday, March 17, 2005

9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Fairfax County Government Center Conference Center

Rooms 2 & 3

12000 Government Center Parkway

Fairfax, VA

NVAVA presents a workshop on volunteer recognition and outcomes on Thursday, March 17, 2005, from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. Andy King, director of training and consulting for the Points of Light Foundation, will conduct a training on three levels of volunteer recognition and outcomes and strategies to reach your specific volunteer recognition goals. The workshop is free to members and \$10 for nonmembers. RSVP to Mary Dehaven at mary.dehaven@mvaa.com or call 703-572-7350.

Saturday, March 19, 2005

Social Action Linking Together (SALT) presents ...

“Richmond Wrap-Up”

Saturday, March 19, 2005

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Benedict Hall

3304 North Washington Boulevard

Arlington, VA

Come and hear our state legislators talk about what business was transacted during the 2005 General Assembly. Legislators will be present to answer questions. All are welcome. “Richmond Wrap-Up” is sponsored by Social Action Linking Together (SALT), Virginia Coalition for the Homeless, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy Virginia, Catholic Conference, and Virginia C.U.R.E. For more information, contact John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net.

Friday, April 15, 2005
George Mason University presents ...

"Dimensions of Human Trafficking:
A Legal & Social Framework"

Friday, April 15, 2005
8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

George Mason University
Fairfax Campus
Enterprise Hall, Room 178

Save the Date! *Dimensions of Human Trafficking: A Legal & Social Framework* is sponsored by George Mason University Sexual Assault Services with the GMU Office of International Programs and Services and GMU Social Work Department. Topics will include the causes of human trafficking, identifying and empowering a trafficked person, direct service needs and access to justice. Registration is \$15 (\$5 for GMU students). For more information or to register, contact George Mason University Sexual Assault Services at 703-993-3686 or email ckirklan@gmu.edu or akakol@gmu.edu.

News, Announcements, & Updates

⌘ ABCs of Parenting for English-Speaking Families

Just a reminder that SCAN is offering the ABCs of Parenting for English-speaking families starting on March 15. This 8-week class will meet every Tuesday from 6 ~ 8:30 PM at First Assembly of God, 700 W. Braddock Road in Alexandria. The class is free and offers parents dinner and a children's program during the parent's class. The class targets parents of children ages 0-9 years. Some assistance with transportation is available. [A flyer is attached for your reference.](#)

Registration is required. Please have clients contact me directly at 703-836-1820. The class fills up fast, so have your clients contact me soon.

⌘ Nurturing Parenting Program

Fairfax County Department of Family Services needs community organizations to volunteer support for the Nurturing Parenting Program. This program offers parenting classes throughout the county for at risk families by providing educational groups to promote the strengthening of families and the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Community organizations or faith-based groups would provide support by preparing dinners for participants, helping with child care, or assisting with facilitation of groups. Our current partnerships express a need to focus their mission on supporting the community; the Nurturing Program has allowed them to meet their goal. For more information please contact Krissa Slone at 703-324-7745 or Krissa.Slone@fairfaxcounty.gov.

LOCATIONS:

Mt Vernon—Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church
Springfield—Grace Presbyterian Church
Herndon/Reston—St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
Fairfax—Fairfax United Methodist Church
Falls Church—St. Paul's Episcopal Church

- ⌘ **Alexandria Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program Needs You**
Give an abused or neglected child the gift of your voice! [The Alexandria Court-Appointed Special Advocate \(CASA\) Program](#) is seeking volunteers to speak up for abused and neglected children in the Alexandria and Arlington juvenile courts. Volunteers conduct interviews with children, families, and professionals, monitor compliance with court orders, write detailed reports, and represent the best interest of the child in court. Volunteers must complete training and background checks. Volunteers commit to one year with the program. Bilingual

volunteers (Spanish/English) are greatly needed. Training begins soon! To learn more, call 703-836-1820 or visit www.scanva.org. A child is waiting for you to advocate for him or her!

- ⌘ **Call for Nominations for Volunteer Administrator Leadership Awards**
Nominations are now being accepted for the Northern Virginia Association for Volunteer Administration (NVAVA) awards to recognize leadership within the profession of Volunteer Administration. The public is invited to nominate volunteer administrators in two categories:

The Outstanding New Professional Award is presented to recognize and develop leadership among those new to the profession.

The Sandra Lee Fitch Volunteer Administrator of the Year Award is given to recognize continued leadership and dedication among experienced Volunteer Administrators.

Nominations are due by April 1, 2005. The awards breakfast will take place on Thursday, April 21, at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner from 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. For criteria and nomination forms, visit www.nvava.org or contact Laurie Eytel at (703) 324-7871.

- ⌘ **Groveton Baptist Church Clothes Closet**
The GBC Clothing Room is open to all adults and teenagers who need clothes, shoes, baby items, and household items. Come see what we have to offer. Everything is free. The Clothing Room is open Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Friday afternoons from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. It is closed on federal holidays. [Rules for use of the clothes closet, a calendar of openings and directions to the church](#) are attached, or visit their website at www.grovetonc.org.

- ⌘ **Volunteer Fairfax Welcomes New Executive Director, Jeanne Sanders**
Volunteer Fairfax is pleased to announce Jeanne Sanders has joined the staff as executive director. Jeanne brings a wealth of experience in volunteer administration to Volunteer Fairfax.

For the past four years, Jeanne was the director of programs for the American Association of State Service Commissions (ASC). In this position, she worked to advance service and volunteerism by establishing and training a national peer network of Governor-appointed volunteer commissioners. Additionally, she led a team of experts in creating a pilot Volunteer Leadership Program.

Previously, Jeanne served as director of Family Matters at the Points of Light Foundation where she established and delivered technical assistance and training to 20 national program sites.

For 10 years prior, Jeanne was the manager of volunteer services for the Association for Retarded Citizens of Montgomery County, MD. During this time, she managed more than 1,100 corporate and youth volunteers.

Jeanne has come full circle in the volunteer management field, having started her career as the director of the Volunteer Center of Plano, Texas. During her tenure, she increased the center's budget and expanded the volunteer base dramatically. Volunteer Fairfax looks forward to the same outcomes over the next few years. As a proven community builder, Volunteer Fairfax is happy to have Jeanne's vision and expertise guide them through the new year and into the future.

Volunteer Fairfax is a private nonprofit corporation serving the Fairfax County community since 1975. Volunteer Fairfax is a vital community resource for volunteers and nonprofit organizations and public agencies. For more information, please visit the Volunteer Fairfax web site at www.volunteerfairfax.org or call Mary-Litton Thornton at 703-246-3460.

Resource & Grant Opportunities

Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility - March 1st

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 U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Justice, and the United States Agency for International Development.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Numerous state departments of education are accepting applications for supplemental educational service providers. Faith-based and other organizations with the capacity to provide tutoring, remediation and other educational services to students in low-performing schools should contact their individual state department of education for an application to become an approved provider. Supplemental service providers are contracted on a fee-for-service basis with local educational agencies.

The Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in the federal Department of Education will conduct a workshop for faith- and community-based organizations interested in becoming supplemental service providers. The workshop will be held on March 23, 2005, in Las Vegas. Further information can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/fbci/suppserv-workshops.html>.

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Native Hawaiian community-based organizations and other organizations with experience developing and operating Native Hawaiian programs may apply for a Native Hawaiian Education Program grant. The grants will support innovative projects that enhance the educational services provided to Native Hawaiian children and adults.

This year, a competitive preference will be given to projects that address beginning reading and literacy among students in kindergarten through third grade; the needs of at-risk children and youth; the needs in fields or disciplines in which Native Hawaiians are underemployed; and/or the use of the Hawaiian language in instruction. Interested applicants are referred to the program announcement for details on other invitational priorities.

A total of \$12,733,000 will be awarded for 20 to 30 grants. The award amounts will range from \$375,000 to \$1,100,000 each. Applications are due April 14, 2005. The program announcement can be found in the Federal Register at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/E5-798.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Application guidance documents are now available for the National Minority AIDS Education Training Center grants. Faith-based and other organizations may apply for the grant to establish a center that will assist in building capacity for HIV care and training among minority health care professionals, health care professionals serving communities of color, and among minority serving health professional training institutions, colleges, and universities. The successful applicant will convey information on best practices and disseminate program tools related to clinical care and cultural competency in HIV/AIDS to relevant entities.

A single grant in the amount of \$2.3 million will be awarded. Applications are due April 5, 2005. Complete details are in the application kit at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidancehiv aids/hrsa05052.htm>.

Faith-based and other organizations are invited to apply for the One-Year Rural Health Research Grant Program. These grants will support research on issues of national significance in the area of rural health services. Examples of research areas include border health, HIV/AIDS, women's health, disease management, oral health, Medicaid/S-CHIP, health literacy, and elderly care/end of life care.

A total of \$900,000 will be awarded for six grants. Applications are due April 1, 2005. The application documents are at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidancerural/hrsa05005.htm>.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office for Victims of Crime

The funding opportunity, Training and Technical Assistance for Counseling for Crime Victims in Indian Country by Faith-Based Organizations Grantees, is to assist the fiscal year 2004 award recipients of the Faith-Based Counseling for Victims of Crime in Indian Country program. The successful applicants will provide training and technical assistance to the Faith-Based Counseling for Victims of Crime in Indian Country grantees so they may continue to implement programs to improve the delivery of faith-based counseling services to crime victims.

A total of \$250,000 will be awarded for eight grants. Applications are due March 31, 2005. The solicitation for applications is at: http://www.ojp.gov/ovc/fund/pdf/txt/faithbased_counsel_indiancty.pdf.

U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Faith-based and other organizations are invited to apply for a cooperative agreement in the second round of funding for Cross-Sectoral Approaches for Biodiversity Conservation. The grant will support activities that address biodiversity (biologically diverse habitats) issues in relation to a variety of social and economical areas such as HIV/AIDS, sustainable agriculture, economic growth, and governance. The geographic focus is open to any country where USAID has a presence.

One to three grants of \$150,000 to \$250,000 will be awarded. Concept papers are due April 4, 2005. Further details are in the annual program statement at:

<http://www.fedgrants.gov/EPSTData/AID/Synopses/93/M-OP-EGAT-04/Concept%26%2032%3BPaper%26%2032%3BAPS%26%2032%3BFINAL.doc>.

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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