



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

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If You see a Child Being Mistreated in a Public Place,

Here are Some Things You Can Do:

- Try to engage in a conversation with the adult to redirect his or her attention away from the child.
- If you know the parent, offer to watch the child for a few minutes while the parent takes a break. A few moments away from crowds and distractions can make a big difference.
- Talk to the child to divert his or her attention away from the situation.
- Praise the child and/or parent at the first opportunity.
- Alert a person in a position of authority if you are concerned about the physical safety of the child. This can be a store manager or a security guard.
- If you feel the child is in immediate danger, call the police.

Kids In Cars



Keeping Kids Safe
In or Around Vehicles

NEVER leave children alone in or around vehicles...
Not even for a minute!

Many caring and responsible parents have left their children alone in a car, not realizing the risks involved. Some parents think it is OK to leave a child alone in a car while they run into a store, quickly drop off dry cleaning, or while dropping off another child at school. Results of leaving a child alone in or around a vehicle can be deadly.

- The temperature inside a car can reach deadly levels in minutes.
- Children can set the vehicle in motion.
- Drivers have difficulty seeing small children when they back up.
- The child might leave the vehicle to go look for you.
- Your child can be abducted.

SAFETY TIPS

- Children should never be left alone in a vehicle -- not even to run a quick errand.
- Keep vehicles locked at all times; even in the garage or driveway.
- Keys should never be left within reach of children.
- Teach your children to never play in or around a vehicle.
- Consider installing cross-view mirrors and/or a backup detection device on your vehicle.
- Always make sure that all child passengers have left the car after it is parked
- If a child is locked inside a car, get him or out as quickly as possible. If the child is hot or seems sick, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.
- When a child is missing, check vehicles and car trunks right away.

<http://www.kidsincars.org/>



*April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
Wear a Blue Ribbon to Show Your Support*

In Fairfax County and nationwide, the month of April is recognized as "Child Abuse Prevention Month," a time to focus on community efforts to protect children and prevent child abuse and neglect. Fairfax County's Child Protective Services (CPS) investigates reports of child abuse and neglect. In 2004, the Fairfax County CPS telephone hotline received over 35,000 calls reporting suspected child abuse and neglect, or seeking help, guidance, and referrals to parenting programs and support services.

The Fairfax County Blue Ribbon Campaign to prevent child abuse and neglect, led by the county's Department of Family Services with support from local schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses and other Fairfax County agencies, provides public information about how to keep children safe and protected from abuse and neglect. The blue ribbon symbolizes this shared responsibility.

Child abuse and neglect occur in all segments of our society, but the risk factors are greater in families where parents:

- Are isolated from their family or community.
- Have difficulty controlling anger or stress.
- Are dealing with physical or mental health issues.
- Abuse alcohol or drugs.
- Seem to be having personal or economic problems.

Warning Signs

A child's behavior may signal abuse or neglect long before any change occurs in physical appearance. Some of the signs may include:

- Nervousness around adults.
- Aggressive behavior toward adults or other children.
- Inability to stay awake or concentrate for extended periods.
- Sudden, dramatic changes in personality or activities.
- Low self-esteem.
- Poor hygiene.
- Frequent or unexplained bruises or injuries.

We all need help taking care of our children. Helping parents who may be struggling with any of these issues can reduce the likelihood that their children will be abused or neglected.

If you're concerned about a child's well-being; want to report or discuss a possible abuse or neglect situation; or need advice, counseling, resources, or help, please call:

Fairfax County's Child Protective Services Hotline
703-324-7400
TTY 703-222-9452
Your call is confidential.

For more information about preventing child abuse and neglect, [parenting](#), [inadequate supervision](#) of children, and [child care](#) issues, as well as other helpful resources, check Fairfax County's Web site at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dfs/ChildrenYouth/AbuseNeglect.shtm> or call the Fairfax County Child Protective Services Hotline at: 703-324-7400, option 2.

To prevent child abuse and neglect:

- Remember the risk factors.
- Recognize the warning signs.
- Reach out and support children and their parents.
- Raise the issue by educating yourself and others.
- Wear a blue ribbon, especially during April, and tell people that it stands for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Good Touch/Bad Touch® (a Preschool – 6th Grade Curriculum)

Of the 5,205 reported forcible sex offenses from January through December, 2003, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, 3,433 (66%) were committed against children under the age of 18.

– Virginia Department of State Police Virginia Uniform Crime Reporting Program,
January – December 2003.

What is Good Touch/Bad Touch®? Good Touch/Bad Touch® is a child abuse prevention curriculum designed for pre-school and kindergarten through sixth-grade students. It is a tool to teach children special skills they need to stay safe in an increasingly violent world. Good Touch/Bad Touch® curriculum is positive and research based. It meets stringent educational criteria and has been field tested with hundreds of children and more than 5,500 educators.

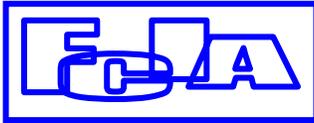
Children learn how to:

- Prevent or interrupt abuse including sexual abuse.
- Deal with bullies.
- Effectively handle sad or angry feelings.
- Stay safe from strangers who may cause them harm.

Is your faith group interested in conducting Good Touch/Bad Touch® classes for parents and Youth? [The Fairfax County Department of Family Services is organizing classes to train Good Touch/Bad Touch® instructors.](#) The cost is \$165 per person and no prior social work experience is required.

To find out more about this 3½-day facilitator training class, contact Ms. Tsehay Elias at 703-324-7459.

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, May 11, 2005

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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

All Faith Communities Invited to Attend

Topic ~ Youth Depression and Suicide

Did you know that ...

- 35.9% of Fairfax County youth reported that they had felt sad or hopeless for days or weeks at a time*;
- 18.5% of Fairfax County youth reported that they had considered suicide*;
- 3.6% of Fairfax County youth reported that they had attempted one suicide in the past 12 months*;
- 4.6% of Fairfax County youth reported that they had attempted more than one suicide in the past 12 months*;
- One teen suicide occurs each week in the Commonwealth of Virginia. **

*Communities That Care Youth Survey 2001 (12,000 Fairfax County students in grades 8, 10, and 12)
<http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/comm/demograph/pdf/YouthReport.PDF>

Find out more about teen depression and suicide at the *Faith Communities in Action* meeting.

Speakers: Jennifer Heffron, Esq. National Mental Health Association
Mary Livingston Azoy, LPC, CPT Crisis Link, Inc.

Both speakers are members of the Fairfax Partnership for Youth Community Taskforce on Youth Suicide and Depression

ALSO, reports from the Emergency Preparedness, At Risk Youth, Tolerance and Respect, and Affordable Housing Task Forces.

RSVP: Maggie Scott (703) 324-3453

Events...Workshops...Conferences

Tuesday, April 5 to Tuesday, June 21, 2005

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Coffee & Conversation for ESL Students

Tuesdays from April 5 to June 21, 2005
7 – 9 p.m.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
5114 Twinbrook Road
Fairfax, VA

Students, please come each Tuesday to improve your English conversation skills. Join your teachers and other students for coffee, tea, and cookies and get lots of practice speaking English. We will have two classes ... Basic Conversation and Vocabulary for the beginning or intermediate student and Advanced Conversation and Current Events for the intermediate or advanced student. Choose which class you want to be in and invite your friends.

There is no charge to attend ... just buy your book. For Basic Conversation: Word by Word Basic Picture Dictionary -- \$15. For Advanced Conversation ... Easy English News -- \$7. To register, call 703-323-9500.

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Annandale Communities for Dialogue presents ...

An Interfaith Panel Discussion on
Death and Dying

Wednesday, April 6, 2005
7 – 9 p.m.

Congregation Olam Tikvah
3800 Glenbrook Road
Fairfax, Virginia

The Annandale Communities for Dialogue presents an interfaith panel discussion. Three speakers will discuss Death and Dying as addressed in their respective Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faiths. Congregation Olam Tikvah of Fairfax will host the event. Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon (Congregation Olam Tikvah), Rev. Ginna Minasian Dalton (Little River United Church of Christ), and Daoud Nassimi (All Dulles Area Muslims Society Center –ADAMS) will speak. A follow-up interfaith

community dialogue will occur on May 25. Contact 703-324-3453 for further information.

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.

Sunday, April 17, 2005

Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter presents ...

19th Annual Open House

Sunday, April 17, 2005
3 – 6 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Sue Capers
Advocate for the homeless in Virginia

Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter
3525 Moncure Avenue
Falls Church, VA

Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter hosts their 19th annual open house on Sunday, April 17, 2005. Join us ... it's our way of thanking our neighbors. Dinner, refreshments, live entertainment, tours and door prizes will be provided.

Saturday, May 14, 2005

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board presents ...

6th Annual Girl Power Conference

Saturday, May 14, 2005

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

South County Government Center

8350 Richmond Highway

Alexandria, VA

This sixth annual conference will bring girls together to strengthen their foundations. The workshops offered represent the building blocks needed to address the concepts of physical, mental, and social health for young women. This year's theme is "Building Health Girls Inside and Out." Attendance is free of charge, but registration is required. If you are interested in bringing a group of girls from your faith community or organization, please contact Clara Marshall, Prevention Coordinator, Fairfax-Falls Church CSB at 703-704-6046 or clara.marshall@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Thursday, June 9, and Friday, June 10, 2005

Metro DC Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery presents ...

SAVE THE DATE!

Regional Conference on Human Trafficking:
For Service Providers & First Responders

Thursday, June 9, and Friday, June 10, 2005

8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon

Location: To Be Determined

The Metro DC Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery, a partnership between Boat People SOS and Ayuda, Inc., would like to announce an upcoming Regional Conference on Human Trafficking. This conference seeks to train local service providers and first responders to identify and serve victims of trafficking and to develop a regional network of service providers capable of serving victims of human trafficking.

As the conference approaches, registration forms with specific conference details and agenda will be available. For further information, contact Megan Pierce at 703-538-2190.

News, Announcements, & Updates

⌘ Without Your Help, Children Have No Voice ...



Thirteen (13) of every 1,000 children in the United States have been identified by child protective services nationwide as experiencing abuse and neglect each year. These children are not safe in their own homes. In order to ensure the safety and well-being of such children in Fairfax County, Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Inc., is a nonprofit organization that is continuously recruiting, screening, training, and supporting community-minded citizens to serve as volunteer

advocates for children whose parents have been cited for abuse and neglect by the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. CASA volunteers serve as the “eyes and ears” of the court with the goals of ensuring that court orders are followed, the child and parent’s treatment needs are assessed and effectively addressed, and that the child obtains a safe and permanent home. The overriding goal of a CASA volunteer’s work is to advocate on behalf of what is in the best interest of the child.

Serving more than 550 children annually in Fairfax County, CASA volunteers are men and women who come from all walks of life and socio-economic backgrounds—including those who work full or part-time, students, retirees, parents, and grandparents—and who have a desire to make an impact on the lives of vulnerable children in their community. **NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE** in the field of child welfare is necessary. All CASA volunteers undergo extensive training to prepare them for this role. Please consider serving the most vulnerable children in your community by becoming a CASA volunteer. To learn more about how you can be a **POWERFUL VOICE IN A CHILD’S LIFE**, please visit our website at www.casafairfax.org or contact Fairfax CASA’s Recruitment & Training Manager at 703-273-3526.

⌘ BeFriend-A-Child Mentoring Opportunity ...

Here's an opportunity to have some fun and make a difference in your community at the same time. For just eight hours a month ~ typically weekends – you can be a BeFriend-A-Child volunteer mentor with Fairfax County's Department of Family Services, Child Abuse Prevention Services. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old. Careful screening, training, and coaching are provided.

You'll go on one-to-one outings and take part in group activities, such as bowling, pumpkin carving, performing arts workshops, cookouts, swimming at the water park, and more. The next training for prospective mentors is on Monday and Tuesday, May 16 & 17, 6-9 p.m. in Fairfax. Contact Chuck Berlin at 703-324-7874, or at Charles.Berlin@fairfaxcounty.gov or Ann Rieger, at 703-324-7072 or at Ann.Rieger@fairfaxcounty.gov. You can also visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dfs/factsheets/BeFriend.htm.

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all county programs, services, and activities and will provide reasonable accommodations upon request. To request special accommodations call TTY: 703-222-9452. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements. We have an especially strong need for male and Hispanic mentors. This is also a great opportunity for seniors and retirees. Thanks for considering BeFriend-A-Child mentoring. It's a great opportunity!

⌘ 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

⌘ Free Youth Leadership Institute for Local High School Students

Volunteer Fairfax is pleased to announce plans to host the Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute (PYLI) August 8 – 12 at the Mason District Government Center. The institute is free for local high school students and provides students with a unique combination of leadership and community service skills that prepare them for active roles in improving the quality of life in their community. PYLI is a national program that offers a high caliber of leadership training that is typically unavailable to students this age.

The program is open to students entering grades 10 – 12 who would benefit from the institute and who would take the vital skills they gain back to their respective communities. Students must be able to attend each day of the institute from Monday, August 8, through Friday, August 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. At the end of the institute, students will be charged with the planning and implementation of a service project to be completed on October 22, 2005. Students will be required to attend an additional planning session on September 14 from 7 – 9 p.m. All participants must have transportation to and from the institute and cannot be dropped off early or left later than the institute is scheduled. Interested students may obtain an application from the Web site www.volunteerfairfax.org or by contacting Emily Swenson at 703-246-3460 or eswenson@volunteerfairfax.org.

Regional Donations for Nonprofits ...

Volunteer Fairfax receives frequent emails about donated items from regional businesses and individuals. In an effort to reduce duplications, we have created a mailing list just for donations. All nonprofits are welcome to sign up to receive these emails by [registering for the Donations Listserv](#).

Volunteer Fairfax has also created an online directory of our registered agencies' needed goods and services. This directory makes donating items to local charities and service agencies as easy as possible. To view the guide, visit our home page at www.volunteerfairfax.org. Premium members can download the registration form from the premium member Web site. Basic members should contact Joy Mapp at jmapp@volunteerfairfax.org to receive the form.

Resource & Grant Opportunities

Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility 03/15/2005

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 Agriculture, Health and Human Services, State, and the United States Agency for International Development.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program for a community food project or a training and technical assistance project.

Grants for community food projects will support activities that provide 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. Interested applicants are referred to the request for applications for specific applicant and project eligibility requirements.

The second type of grant under this program is for projects that provide national or regional training and technical assistance to entities interested in developing new Community Food Projects or assisting current grantees.

A total of \$4.6 million is available for this program with up to \$500,000 of that total for training and technical assistance projects. Applications are due April 14, 2005. The request for applications is at: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/05_community_foods.pdf.

The Rural Housing Service of the Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for farm labor housing under Section 514 Farm Labor Housing Loans and Section 516 Farm Labor Housing Grants for Off-Farm Housing. These loans and grants are to support construction, acquisition, and/or rehabilitation of housing for farm workers.

A total of \$32 million is available for loans under Section 514, and \$12 million is available for grants under Section 516. Applicants can request up to \$3 million for both the loan and grant programs together. Applications are due May 13, 2005. The Federal Register announcement is at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-4774.pdf>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may also apply for a Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant through the Rural Housing Service for projects assisting very low- and low-income homeowners to repair and rehabilitate their homes in rural areas. The grant will also support projects that assist rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes to repair and rehabilitate their units if the units are available to low- and very low-income persons.

A total of \$8,810,944 is available for the grant program. Applications are due May 13, 2005. The complete announcement is in the Federal Register at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-4775.pdf>.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Application kits, including guidance documents, have been released for three HRSA funding opportunities for qualified faith-based and other organizations.

The first, AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) National Resource Center, will support one organization to collect and disseminate training resources and clinical information on HIV/AIDS to AETC grantees. The successful applicant will be the central repository for information and training materials that are developed by AETC grantees and will disseminate the information via the Internet and other media

One cooperative agreement of \$925,000 will be awarded. Applications are due April 25, 2005. The application guidance documents can be found at:

<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidancehivaids/hrsa05056.htm>.

The second HRSA funding opportunity this week is for Peer Education Training Sites (PETS) and Resource and Evaluation Center. Peer Education Training Site grantees must have experience in serving communities of color significantly impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

PETS will provide education, training, and other technical assistance to HIV/AIDS peer treatment educators within Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act funded programs. The proposed peer education and training programs should be responsive to peer education needs identified in their proposed service area; complement training currently available to the community of HIV/AIDS peer educators, comprised of a curriculum that has been used by the applicant in training peers; and be replicable by organizations similar to themselves.

The successful applicant for the Resource and Evaluation Center grant will maintain and coordinate dissemination of training materials, conduct regional and national trainings, conduct cross-site evaluations, and provide technical assistance to PETS.

A total of \$2 million will be awarded for two to three Peer Educator Training Sites grants and one Resource and Evaluation Center grant. Applications are due April 15, 2005. Complete details are in the program announcement at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidancehivaids/hrsa05127.htm>.

The State Agency Partnerships for Promoting Child and Adolescent Mental Health grant will support projects that assist state Title V Maternal and Child Health Programs to develop, model, and strengthen partnerships with State Child Mental Health Programs and other relevant State agencies. The successful applicant will provide coordination with state agency activities, including promotion, prevention, and service efforts, and develop strategies to implement the recommendations in the New Freedom Commission on Mental Health and the mental health objectives of Healthy People 2010.

A total of \$320,000 will be awarded for four grants. Applications are due May 8, 2005. The application guidance documents are at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidancemch/hrsa05071.htm>.

The final HRSA funding opportunity this week is entitled Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)/Other Infant Death (ID). This grant will support two types of programs. The first is a program to enhance performance of state or local SIDS/ID initiatives through disseminating new information to relevant program, policy, and decision makers, and facilitating understanding of this group's concerns.

The grant will also support the establishment of a National SIDS and Other Infant Death Program Support Center. The successful applicant will create and distribute health messages and campaign materials to educate the community, provide technical assistance to relevant groups, provide information and support services that address the issues of other infant death, including miscarriages and stillbirths, and collaborate and work with other SIDS/ID organizations.

A total of \$450,000 will be awarded to two grants - one for each type of program. Applications are due April 29, 2005. The application kit is at: <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/preview/guidancemch/hrsa05100.htm>.

National Institutes of Health

There are numerous grant opportunities for qualified faith-based and other organizations through the National Institutes of Health.

The Cancer Education Grants Program will support innovative educational programs that increase the number of biomedical and health science students wanting to pursue cancer-related careers; short courses to update cancer research scientists in new scientific methods, technologies, and findings; and training of clinicians and health care providers in evidence-based cancer prevention and control approaches.

The amount of the individual awards is dependent on the scope and scale of the proposed project. The application deadline for the next cycle of funding is June 1, 2005. The program announcement is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-065.html>.

NIH will support projects that involve a collaboration of investigators researching critical issues in the epidemiology, services, and prevention of substance abuse and related disorders through the grant entitled Collaborative Multisite Research in Addiction. The goal of the grant program is to support research that requires a larger sample size than a single site can provide.

The amount of the individual awards is dependent on the scope and scale of the proposed project. The application deadline for the next cycle of funding is June 1, 2005. The program announcement is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-067.html>.

The Innovative Grants on Immune Tolerance will support projects focused on the mechanisms of immune tolerance in the fetal, neonatal, and early childhood stages of development up to and including adolescence (through age 19 in humans). The goal of the proposed research will be to discover new directions or applications that have the potential to change clinical treatment of allergic diseases, autoimmune disorders, or graft rejection in solid organ, tissue, and cell transplantation.

A total of \$2 million will be awarded among eight to ten grants. Letters of intent are due July 18, 2005, and applications are due August 18, 2005. The request for applications is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AI-05-023.html>.

Applications are being accepted for Planning Grants for Integrated Advanced Information Management Systems (IAIMS). Planning grants are awarded to health-related institutions and organizations to support

the development of a written plan for implementing an IAIMS information environment. IAIMS are trans-organizational information management structures.

The amount of the individual awards is dependent on the scope and scale of the proposed project. The application deadline for the next cycle of funding is June 1, 2005. The program announcement is at: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-05-064.html>.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

There are two categories of funding opportunities for faith-based and other organizations through the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative.

The first category is to establish and maintain a National Center for Child Traumatic Stress. The successful applicant will provide technical assistance to grantees within the Child Traumatic Stress Network and be responsible for resource development, information dissemination, and coordination of national education and training efforts.

A total of \$5 million will be awarded for one grant. Applications are due May 6, 2005. The request for applications is at: http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2005/nofa/sm05004rfa_NCTSI_one.pdf.

The second category of funding under the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative is for Treatment and Service Adaptation Centers. SAMHSA will support projects that have national expertise on specific types of traumatic events, population groups, and service systems, and that utilize their expertise by adapting effective treatment and service approaches for communities across the country. The role of the Treatment and Service Adaptation Centers is to provide the Child Traumatic Stress Network with intervention approaches in their area(s) of expertise.

A total of \$4.8 million will be awarded for eight grants. Applications are due May 6, 2005. The request for applications is at: http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2005/nofa/sm05005rfa_NCTSItwo.pdf.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Applications are being accepted for the second round of funding for the Anti-Trafficking in Persons program. The grants will support prevention and protection programs in Africa and Latin America. Examples of project activities include: mentorship programs to train local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) on financial accountability, fundraising, advocacy, and victim assistance; creating local referral networks among NGOs or between NGOs and local government agencies; public awareness programs; renovating existing shelters or drop-in centers; establishing hotlines and training for hotline counselors; and training psychologists, social workers, legal advocates, teachers, and medical personnel.

A total of \$2 million will be awarded among 12 grants. The deadline for this cycle of funding is May 27, 2005. The request for applications is at: <http://www.fedgrants.gov/EPSTData/State/Synopses/3379/DOS-GTIP/GTIP%26%23032%3BFY05%26%23032%3BRFGP.doc>.

U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

There are two funding opportunities through USAID for qualified faith-based and other organizations.

The Aceh (Indonesia) Recovery and Reconstruction Program will support a project that assists in the tsunami recovery by: facilitating people's transition from camps back to their communities (rebuilding shelter and housing, programs to rejuvenate micro and small enterprises, community-based psychological and social support programs, food security interventions), rebuilding and improving community infrastructure, restoring and improving the management and quality of basic services, assisting and supporting the restoration and strengthening of local governance, and assisting communities to develop disaster preparedness plans.

The amount of funding for this program has not yet been determined. Interested applicants need to submit a concept paper. USAID will accept applications through February 2006. The program statement is at:

<http://www.fedgrants.gov/EPSTData/AID/Synopses/110/APS%26%23032%3BNo%26%23046%3B%26%23032%3BIndonesia%26%23032%3B05-011%26%23032%3B%26%23032%3B%26%23032%3B%26%23032%3B%26%23032%3B%26%23032%3B%26%23032%3B/Aceh%26%23032%3BAPS%26%23032%3BFINAL%26%23032%3BMar%26%23032%3B8.doc>

USAID is also accepting applications for a cooperative agreement entitled Strengthened HIV/AIDS in the Region. The grant will support a project in East and Central Africa that addresses needed HIV/AIDS services and interventions within "transport corridors" (areas with a high volume of traffic transporting goods and services). Successful applicants will address the regional transmission dynamics of sexually transmitted infections and HIV epidemics in transport corridors by creating and supporting a "Safe-T-Stop" - a safe place where individuals can obtain transport services (fuel, truck repair, food, lodging), health services, social services, and educational services.

The grant will also support critical approaches and responses to HIV/AIDS transmission in the transport corridor. The program announcement identifies the crucial role of faith-based organizations in this component because they are the largest provider of health care in the region. Therefore, proposals are encouraged to include these local key players.

A total of \$25 million is available for this program. Applications are due April 27, 2005. Complete details can be found in the program announcement at:

<http://www.fedgrants.gov/EPSTData/AID/Synopses/145/623-A-010/REGIONAL%26%23032%3BHIV%26%23032%3BAIDS%26%23032%3B-%26%23032%3BRFA.DOC>

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