



# 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](mailto: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 Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/cil/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dsm/cil/).

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After inquiries from sympathetic members of the public and county employees, the Fairfax County Police Department has set up trust funds to support the families of Police Detective Vicky Armel and Master Police Officer Michael E. Garbarino.

The police officers were killed by a gunman who opened fire in the parking lot of the Sully District Police Station on Monday, May 8. Detective Armel died on May 8 and Master Police Officer Garbarino died on May 17.



**To Support the Families Affected by the May 8 Sully Station Shooting**

After inquiries from sympathetic members of the public and county employees, trust funds have been set up to support the Armel and Garbarino families.

Donations can be made by cash or personal checks.

Checks should be made payable to: Armel Family Trust Fund

ARMEL FAMILY TRUST FUND  
c/o: Fairfax County Federal Credit Union  
4201 Members Way  
Fairfax, VA 22030

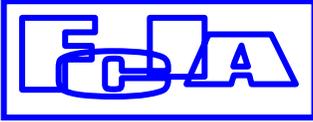
Checks should be made payable to: Garbarino Family Trust Fund

GARBARINO FAMILY TRUST FUND  
c/o: Fairfax County Federal Credit Union  
4201 Members Way  
Fairfax, VA 22030



Show your support for the Armel and Garbarino families by tying a blue ribbon to your vehicle antenna.

# 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.

## Participate in a Faith Communities in Action Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2006  
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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

### FCIA Youth Task Force

June 7, 2006

Time: 1-3 p.m.

Location: Pennino Building, Room 230B, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

**MORE MEMBERS NEEDED:** The Youth Task Force is an interfaith group of lay and clergy promoting faith community engagement in and support of community youth initiatives. The Task Force is drafting suggested guidelines that can be used when faith communities and public schools/public agencies partner to provide programs for local youth. The group is developing a directory of existing faith community and public school/public agency partnerships for which others can use as models.

### FCIA Housing Task Force

June 21, 2006

Time: 12 Noon – 1:30 p.m. (Brown Bag Lunch Meeting)

Location: Pennino Building, Room 230B, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

Homelessness? Affordable Housing? What's the answer? What are the Faith Community's Perspectives? How Can Government and Faith Communities Partner to Better Address these Issues? Join the Housing Task Force and be apart of the interfaith community's affordable housing support efforts.

Faith Communities in Action has representatives on the Fairfax County Council on Homelessness, Development Committee for the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness, AHOME and the Northern Virginia Housing Alliance. The Housing Task Force supports the FCIA representatives on these Committees, Councils and Organizations by maximizing the faith community's input on homelessness/housing issues and polices they are addressing. The Housing Task Force conducts and supports efforts to build public awareness of homelessness and affordable housing opportunities, and faith and public and non-profit partnerships to end homelessness and create affordable housing.

### FCIA Emergency Preparedness Steering Committee

The FCIA Emergency Preparedness Steering Committee is gearing up for the annual Fall Community Emergency Preparedness Education Campaign. Do you have an interest in emergency preparedness? Do you have ideas on how best to include the faith community in emergency preparedness education efforts? Come join the Steering Committee. Your ideas and input would be welcomes. Call Sandy Chisholm at 703 324-5185.

*Please call or email us to let us know you will be attending any of these meetings at 703-324-3453 or email [ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov)*

## Events...Workshops...Conferences

Sunday, June 4, 2006

Northern Virginia Women's Interfaith Fellowship presents ...

"Attire and How your Faith Tradition Influences your Dress"

Sunday, June 4, 2006

2 - 4 p.m.

Raj Khalsa Gurdwara

6 Export Drive

Sterling, VA

Come and hear a panel of Sikh, Muslim, Quaker, Bahai, and Jewish women discuss the meaning of attire and how your faith tradition influences your dress.. Come share in fellowship and learning. If you would like, bring some piece of clothing, jewelry or other meaningful item of dress and explain its significance to all of us. For more information, please contact Darshan Kaur Khalsa at 703-742-0711 or email [darshankaur@hotmail.com](mailto:darshankaur@hotmail.com).

Directions: From the Beltway, take the Dulles Toll Road (Exit 13). Get off at Exit 9B (Rte. 28) towards Leesburg. Turn right on Rte. 846 (Sterling Blvd.). Go two blocks to Glenn Drive (BP gas station on corner) and turn left. Turn left again onto Export Drive, which is a parking lot. Park and go in and up the stairs to Raj Khalsa Gurdwara.

Monday, June 5, 2006

Capital Area Food Bank presents ...

National Hunger Awareness Day 2006

June 5, 2006

7 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community

1427 West Braddock Road

Alexandria, VA

The face of hunger WILL surprise you! Please join us as Northern Virginia gathers to acknowledge National Hunger Awareness Day. This is an interfaith event featuring:

David Beckmann - Bread for the World

Vicki Escarra - America's Second Harvest

Rabbi Jack Moline - Agudas Achim Congregation and

The Interfaith Alliance  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church Gospel Choir  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington Choir

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Community Council on Homelessness presents ...

Fairfax County Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness  
Community Regional Dialogue

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

6 - 9:30 p.m.

St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
11900 Lawyers Road  
Reston, VA 20191

**RSVP to 703-787-4962**

The Community Planning Committee developing the Fairfax County Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness is requesting your and your faith community's attendance at one of their four upcoming Regional Dialogues. Attendants will have an opportunity to provide their perspectives and ideas for the development of the ten-year plan to end homelessness. A light supper will be provided at 6 p.m. with the meeting beginning promptly at 6:30. **Please remember to RSVP to 703-787-4962 if you plan to attend since a light supper will be provided.**

Sunday, June 11, 2006

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

Mosaic Harmony Concert

Sunday June 11, 2006

3 p.m.

Vienna Baptist Church  
541 Marshall Road  
Vienna, VA

Tickets: \$20

Shepherd's Center will hold its annual fundraiser on Sunday, June 11, 2006. Mosaic Harmony will providing inspiring entertainment. Mosaic Harmony is a multi-faith, interracial community choir that draws on African-American gospel music, and strives to promote harmony through musical excellence and service. Come enjoy high-energy music to support the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna in serving the older persons in our community. To learn more, please visit [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org) or contact 703-281-0538.

Monday, June 12, 2006

Community Council on Homelessness presents ...

Fairfax County Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness  
Community Regional Dialogue

Monday, June 12, 2006

6 ~ 9:30 p.m.

First Christian Church of Falls Church  
6165 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, VA

**RSVP to 703-533-5701**

The Community Planning Committee developing the Fairfax County Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness is requesting your and your faith community's attendance at one of their four upcoming Regional Dialogues. Attendants will have an opportunity to provide their perspectives and ideas for the development of the ten-year plan to end homelessness. A light supper will be provided at 6 p.m. with the meeting beginning promptly at 6:30. **Please remember to RSVP to 703-533-5701 if you plan to attend since a light supper will be provided.**

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

Community Council on Homelessness presents ...

Fairfax County Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness  
Community Regional Dialogue

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

6 ~ 9:30 p.m.

Pender United Methodist Church  
12401 Alderwoods Drive  
Fairfax, VA

**703-324-5285**

The Community Planning Committee developing the Fairfax County Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness is requesting your and your faith community's attendance at one of their four upcoming Regional Dialogues. Attendants will have an opportunity to provide their perspectives and ideas for the development of the ten-year plan to end homelessness. A light supper will be provided at 6 p.m. with the meeting beginning promptly at 6:30. **Please remember to RSVP to 703-324-5285 if you plan to attend since a light supper will be provided.**

Wednesday, June 14 and Thursday, June 15, 2006

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development presents ...

**Free Grant Writing Training**

Wednesday, June 14 - Thursday, June 15, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Clifton Park Baptist Church  
8818 Piney Branch Road  
Silver Spring, MD

Learn from HUD staff what you need to know to prepare a successful grant application! You will receive personal instruction from key HUD staff on how to become more competitive for federal grant funds, securing a 501(c)3, and the organizational structure necessary to secure government funds. Not only will the information prepare you to apply for public funds but also corporate and foundation sources!

Topics will include:

- Grant proposal writing techniques
- HUD programs available to nonprofits
- Performance measurements
- Organizational development
- Ten commandments of grant writing
- How to access government funds
- HUD common factors for award
- Working with local governments
- Coalition and capacity building
- Legal do's and don'ts

Workbooks and Certificates of Completion will be provided. Space is limited. Please call Lillian Curley, HUD Faith & Community Based Liaison at 202-275-9200 ext. 3303.

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services presents ...

**A Living Wage in Fairfax County:  
What are the Possibilities?**

Thursday, June 15, 2006  
7:30 p.m.

**PROGRAM: LIVING WAGE PANEL**

Keith Willis: Arlington County Living Wage  
Emil Abate: City of Alexandria Living Wage  
Clayton Sinyai: Fairfax County Living Wage Campaign

Fairfax County Government Center, Rooms 4 & 5  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, VA

This is your opportunity to learn about this important issue in our community and to find out why people need a living wage, who is covered by it, and whether we can afford it. Advocates for a living wage believe that all workers performing public services, directly or indirectly, should be paid a living wage—a wage that enables them to live decently in their community. A living wage establishes at a local level a minimum wage that allows working people to live above the poverty line.

Our panelists will discuss the successful living wage campaigns in Arlington and Alexandria and provide information on the ordinances in those jurisdictions and others in our region. Mr. Sinyai will tell us about the Campaign for a Living Wage in Fairfax County, what progress it has made, and the work that has yet to be done. Your comments and questions will be welcome, and there will be time for discussion.

A short business meeting will take place prior to the program to elect officers and Board of Directors members, approve the Alliance FY 06/07 Budget, and approve Bylaws amendments. For more information, please call Chair Mary Sue Lyons at 703-464-0045.

Saturday, June 17 - 19, 2006

Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project presents ...

Tell Your Story on Your Own Terms

Saturday, June 17 - Monday, June 19, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Are you an Asian/Pacific Islander woman who has been in an abusive relationship? Witnessed violence in your home as a child? Wants to take a stance against domestic violence? The Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project, DC Rape Crisis Center, and the Center for Digital Storytelling invite you to tell your story.

We will provide a safe space where you can be creative, learn multimedia skills, and make a short "digital story." A digital story is a three-minute "movie" that is created on the computer. Contents can include photographs, letters, original artwork, video clips, music, and voice-overs. The stories can be put on CD, DVD, or VHS tape and shared with other survivors, family members, colleagues, and friends. Some stories can also be used in community settings as organizing, educational, and advocacy tools. For examples of digital stories, please visit the Center for Digital Storytelling at [www.silencespeaks.org](http://www.silencespeaks.org).

Extensive computer experience is not required to participate, and the workshop is **FREE!!** If you are selected to participate in this program, you will be invited to attend a three-day digital storytelling workshop. Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. If you have questions or would like to apply, please apply by June 9, 2006 at 202-464-4477 or [digitalstory@dvrp.org](mailto:digitalstory@dvrp.org).

## News, Announcements, & Updates

### ❖ 2006 Guide to Summer Fun and Safety is now available ...

The 2006 Guide to Summer Fun and Safety is posted on the DFS Web site (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/pdf/summerfunandsafety2006.pdf>) on the front page under "Other Help for Parents." We will not be printing the **2006 Guide to Summer Fun and Safety**; however, it will be available on a CD that we will be sending to you this week so that you may print large quantities for distribution, if you would like, or refer folks to our Web site to download a copy as well. We hope that this will be helpful for all.

### ❖ Library Opens Grants & Funding Research Center ...

The Fairfax County Public Library launched its new Grants and Funding Research Center on Monday, May 15, in suite 329 of the Fairfax County Government Center, which is located at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax. Grants and funding seekers from nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and private institutions are invited to stop and check it out. The library's GFRC will be one of 250 Cooperating Collections of the Foundation Center, which is the nation's leading authority on philanthropy. The library's GFRC will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. weekdays and available at 703-324-8343.

"Across the nation, more than 68,000 grant-making foundations gave more than \$33 billion in funding last year," Clay says. "Meanwhile, there are so many organizations in Fairfax County struggling to do so much with so little. We want to offer them research assistance so that they can find the funding they need to accomplish their goals," he explains.

The library's new service will provide access to online grants resources not available for free on the Internet, plus print publications such as *The Foundation Center's Guide to Proposal Writing*; *Foundation Grants to Individuals*; the *National Directory of Corporate Giving*; and more. The GFRC will also offer educational workshops, including instruction on grant-seeking basics. There will be no charge to users for these services.

## ❖ Are You Interested in Being a Family Child-Care Provider?

Imagine building a successful business without sacrificing precious time with your family. Many individuals are considering becoming a family child-care provider because they can earn an income and at the same time spend time with their own children. Providers enjoy the independence of owning their own small business and working at a job they enjoy. The job is different every day. Since a family child care provider's workplace is her/his home, less money and time is spent on transportation, clothing, time lost commuting, and other items typically associated with working outside the home. In addition to having a career that can be personally and financially rewarding, there are also tax credits for a home-based business. You would even be eligible to receive reimbursement for serving children nutritious meals and snacks through the USDA Food Program.

Is there a demand for family child care? Yes, it is the most common form of child care for children in this country, particularly for children under the age of 3 because parents like having the same caregiver over time, individualized care, a mixed age group, a personal relationship with the provider, flexible hours, and a home-like setting.

The Fairfax County Office for Children can help you set up a permitted child care business in your home. Call the Office for Children at 703-324-8040 or 703-324-8010, TTY 711, and we will help you get started at one of our community training events. For additional information about child care, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/childcare](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/childcare).

## ❖ List Your Volunteer Opportunity in the 2006-2007 Youth Service Directory ...

Be the first in the neighborhood to submit volunteer opportunities for the 2006-2007 Directory of Youth Service Learning Opportunities. This annual online directory, published by Volunteer Fairfax, is a resource for students to find volunteer opportunities. Publicized through the Fairfax County Public Libraries and schools, this directory lists all volunteer opportunities for those under the age of 18. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to recruit volunteers.

Students volunteer for a variety of reasons ranging from personal interests to club or graduation requirements. Please keep in mind that students may be looking for long-term or short-term opportunities to fulfill specific requirements.

To be included in the 2006-2007 Youth Service Directory, please complete the volunteer opportunity survey by following this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=680622162180> no later than June 16,

2006. This information will be compiled into an online directory that allows youth to cross-reference volunteer opportunities by age, location of the volunteer work, and agency mission area(s).

This online publication will be live on Volunteer Fairfax's Web site in August. To see last year's listings, please visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org). For questions about the directory or the youth programs at Volunteer Fairfax, contact Martha Ashmore at (703) 246-3466 or [mashmore@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:mashmore@volunteerfairfax.org).

#### ❖ "Active for Life" Program Offered at Herndon Senior Center ...

Find ways of moving more and eating in a healthier way. The nationally recognized "Active for Life" program is being offered free of charge at the Herndon Senior Center on Wednesdays from 1 – 2 p.m., June 7 through August 30. Prescreening by phone is required in advance. For more information and to see if you qualify, please call the Active for Life Center at 703-807-5855.

#### ❖ Enjoy a good book? Like watching movies? ...

So do our kids. Good Shepherd is looking for volunteers who have an extra two and half hours every other week, Tuesday or Thursday evenings. We provide budget and credit counseling to our tenants, but childcare can be an obstacle to adult learning. You can help. Please contact Tom Barnett at 703-768-9404 or [tbarnett@goodhousing.org](mailto:tbarnett@goodhousing.org) for more information. We are located at 8305 Richmond Highway, Suite #17B, in Alexandria.

#### ❖ Needs at New Hope Housing ...

A math tutor for a first grader in transitional housing, volunteers to work one-on-one with residents at Mondloch I on computer skills; scrap wood for projects, art supplies (including model kits and paint), puzzles, regular helpers with lawn mowing, a book with pictures of vegetables and their names in English so that a non-English speaking resident can improve her skills as a grocery store cashier; outdoor sports/fun equipment. Contact Chris Bramante at [cbramante@newhopehousing.org](mailto:cbramante@newhopehousing.org) or call 703-799-2293 ext. 22.

#### ❖ Poster Design Contest ...

Are you talented in art or computer and graphic design? Do you know someone who is? If so, we need your help! The InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington is hosting a poster design contest for our concert in November and will be awarding the winner of the chosen poster design a \$1,000 scholarship! [A link is provided for more specific information on the poster design.](#) For more information, contact Jessica Gillespie at 202-234-6300 or [ifc@ifcmw.org](mailto:ifc@ifcmw.org).

## Resource & Grant Opportunities

### ***Digest of Federal Grants with Faith-Based and Community Organization Eligibility - 05-23-2006***

The grant opportunities this week for community and faith-based organizations are through programs administered by the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Labor, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

Potential applicants should be aware that some grant programs require specific medical, educational or scientific expertise, and/or familiarity with particular foreign countries. Some programs also require matching funds from the successful applicant.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **Administration for Children and Families**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply to provide *Community Services Block Grant Training and Technical Assistance Promoting Healthy Marriages*, which will focus on improving the quality of programs carried out under the CSBG Act and the delivery of healthy marriage education service strategies among low-income people served by local community action agencies.

This program will fund one-year project periods for the creation and dissemination of "promising practice" technical assistance materials in supporting healthy marriages among clients as part of an overall strategy to help low-income people achieve family and child development, and/or self-sufficiency goals. Special emphasis is being placed on the development and dissemination of "promising practice" materials that focus on a wide range of low-income populations, including racial and ethnic minorities and teen parents.

Approximately \$400,000 is available to fund between four and six awards, each receiving \$50,000 annually. Applications are due July 17, 2006. The program announcement is at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-ET-0043.html>.

Qualified applicants are sought for the *Compassion Capital Fund Communities Empowering Youth Program*. These projects will build the organizational capacity of experienced organizations and their partnering faith-based and community organizations to better meet the needs of America's disadvantaged youth. The lead faith-based or community organization will assist its faith-based and community partners through technical assistance and training in four critical areas: leadership development, organizational development, program development, and community engagement.

Positive youth development includes but is not limited to: promoting a sense of safety; providing appropriate structure; creating supportive relationships; providing opportunities to belong; providing social norms; providing opportunities for skill building; and coordinating family, school, and community programming. Capacity building activities shall focus on strengthening the organizational capacity of the applicant organization and its partners in order to improve services to youth. Projects shall focus on improving organizational capacity among organizations providing services in the following social service priority areas: gang activity, youth violence, and child abuse and neglect. Capacity building activities shall also build the capacity of the lead organization and partnering organizations to coordinate with other state

and local youth serving agencies and with local law enforcement and other groups working to prevent or prosecute crime.

A total of \$30 million is available to fund up to 100 projects. Each project will receive an average of \$300,000 for the first year of a three year period. Applications are due July 10, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-IC-0141.htm>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the *Compassion Capital Fund Demonstration Program*, which will deliver capacity building services to faith-based and community organizations through the provision of training, technical assistance, and sub-awards. These organizations will assist faith-based and community organizations with capacity building activities in five critical areas: leadership development; organizational development; program development; revenue development strategies; and community engagement.

A total of \$5 million is available to fund up to ten projects, each receiving an average of \$500,000 for a seventeen-month project. Applications are due June 19, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-EJ-0035.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the *Compassion Capital Fund Targeted Capacity Building Program*. This program will help build the capacity of faith-based and community organizations that address the needs of distressed communities. A distressed community is defined as a neighborhood or geographic community with an unemployment rate and/or poverty rate equal to or greater than the state or national rate.

The Targeted Capacity Building Program will focus on capacity building among organizations addressing the following programmatic service areas: help for at-risk youth; help for the homeless; marriage education and preparation services to help couples who choose marriage for themselves develop the skills and knowledge to form and sustain healthy marriages; or social services to those living in rural communities.

Projects should direct capacity-building efforts to one of the following critical areas: leadership development; organizational development; program development; revenue development strategies; and community engagement. Interested applicants are referred to the program announcement for a list of illustrative activities for each area.

A total of \$15 million is available to fund up to 300 projects, each receiving an average of \$50,000 for a one year grant. Applications are due June 23, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OCS-IJ-0036.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other institutes of higher education may apply for *Head Start Graduate Student Research Grants* to support dissertation research by students who are working in partnership with Head Start programs. This program will: provide direct support for graduate students as a way of encouraging the conduct of research with Head Start populations; promote mentor-student relationships that support students' graduate training and professional development as young researchers engaged in policy-relevant, applied research; emphasize the importance of developing true working research partnerships with Head Start programs and other relevant entities within the community; and support active communication, networking and collaboration among graduate students, their mentors and other prominent researchers in the field, both during their graduate training, as well as into the early stages of their research careers.

Approximately \$250,000 is available to fund between four and ten awards, each averaging \$25,000 annually over a two year project period. Letters of intent are due June 23, 2006. Applications are due July 14, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OPRE-YD-0068.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for *Healthy Marriage Demonstration Grants*, which will support innovative, projects designed to strengthen existing marriages and to prepare unmarried couples for successful healthy marriages. ACF will fund healthy marriage education and enrichment activities, public awareness and education campaigns that promote the benefits and elements of healthy marriage, and teen programs that explore positive relationship models and that teach the core skills necessary for healthy marriages.

Projects will develop: public advertising campaigns on the value of marriage and the skills needed to increase marital stability and health; education programs in high schools on the value of marriage, relationship skills, and budgeting; marriage education, marriage skills, and relationship skills programs that may include parenting skills, financial management, conflict resolution, and job and career advancement for non-married pregnant women and non-married expectant fathers; pre-marital education and marriage skills training for engaged couples and for couples or persons interested in marriage; marriage enhancement and marriage skills training programs for married couples; divorce reduction programs that teach relationship skills; marriage mentoring programs, which use married couples as role models and mentors in at-risk communities; and programs to reduce the disincentives to marriage in means-tested aid programs if offered in conjunction with any of the other seven activities.

**Eight separate grant programs will be funded:**

Community Healthy Marriage Grants to Implement Multiple Allowable Activities: A total of \$7 million will be awarded for 2-5 grants under Level One. Level Two will fund 8-10 awards with a total of \$10 million. Level Three will fund 12-15 awards with a total of \$7.5 million.

Healthy Marriage Grants to Serve Low-Income Married Couples: Level One will fund eight to ten awards with a total of \$5 million and Level Two will fund eighteen to twenty awards with a total of \$5 million.

Healthy Marriage Grants to Serve Low-Income Unwed Expectant or New Parents: Level One will fund 4-5 awards with a total of \$5 million and Level Two will fund 22-25 awards with a total of \$12 million

Healthy Marriage Grants to Implement Any Allowable Activity: A total of \$22.5 million will be awarded for 40-45 grants.

Interested applicants are referred to the program announcement for project activities associated with each grant program. A cost share is required for all eight grant programs under this announcement. Letters of intent for all the programs are due May 30, 2006. Applications are due June 30, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OFA-FE-0033.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply to become the *National Healthy Marriage Resource Center*, which will operate a website that serves as a national repository and clearinghouse for information and research relating to healthy marriage. In addition to being a website and clearinghouse, NHMRC will provide information and technical support to states, localities and community programs on capacity building to support healthy marriage program development and implementation.

The NHMRC provides technical assistance to States, Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations, Territories, and ACF funded Healthy Marriage programs. The NHMRC will serve as a training center where professionals and organizational leaders can be trained by marriage experts on how to run healthy marriage programs, and provide other support activities that promote and encourage the development of healthy marriage programs.

The project will have multiple functions, including: providing a forum for dissemination of research on healthy marriages; collecting and distributing information resources; collecting and categorizing articles for easy access on information and research relating to promising practices in the healthy marriage area; developing effective resource materials about healthy marriages; and capacity-building and technical assistance.

Approximately \$2 million is available annually for one five year project. Letters of intent are due May 30, 2006. Applications are due June 30, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OFA-FH-0129.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for a program on *Promoting Responsible Fatherhood*, which will develop and implement projects that support any of the following three authorized activity areas: healthy marriage; responsible parenting; and economic stability.

Healthy marriage activities include: skill-based marriage education; marriage preparation programs; marital inventories; premarital counseling; relationship skill education with a special focus on how good relationship skills help to prepare men and women for healthy marriages; counseling, mentoring and information dissemination about the benefits of marriage and two-parent involvement for children; education regarding how to control aggressive behavior within the context of marriage; and divorce education and reduction programs, including mediation and counseling.

Responsible parenting activities include: skill-based parenting education; disseminating information about good parenting practices; counseling, mentoring and mediation; disseminating information on the causes of domestic violence and child abuse; and encouraging child support payments. Activities that promote economic stability include: helping fathers improve their economic status by providing activities; coordinating with existing employment services, such as welfare-to-work programs, referrals to local employment training initiatives; disseminating employment materials; and offering financial planning seminars.

Five specific areas will receive funding. Responsible Fatherhood Multiple Activity Grants: Level One grants will receive up to \$1 million each for up to three projects. Level Two grants will each receive up to \$500,000 for as many as 14 projects.

Responsible Fatherhood Single Activity Grants: Level One grants will each be awarded up to \$250,000 for as many as 52 projects. Level Two grants will each be awarded up to \$500,000 for as many as ten projects.

Responsible Fatherhood, Marriage and Family Strengthening Grants for Incarcerated Fathers and their Partners will each receive up to \$400,000 for as many as ten grants.

Grant recipients will be required to provide 10% of the total cost of the project. Letters of intent for all types of grants are due June 1, 2006. Applications are due July 3, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OFA-FR-0130.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the *Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Marriage Research Initiative*, which will evaluate the effectiveness of services to promote responsible fatherhood through healthy marriage program approaches for lower-income couples and individuals, including those who live in poverty.

These projects will conduct program demonstration evaluation studies that use an experimental research design. This demonstration evaluation research will find effective ways to help interested low-income fathers and couples understand the importance of two-parent families for child well-being, help couples achieve their desire for a healthy marriage and sustain those marriages, and help fathers develop the skills to be responsible parents. Studies funded under this program will inform the design and operation of programs that support responsible conduct by fathers and will complement other ACF research and demonstration initiatives related to building and sustaining healthy marriages.

Approximately \$1 million is available to fund between two and four projects, each receiving an average of \$300,000 annually for a five year project. Applications are due July 17, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2006-ACF-OPRE-OJ-0090.html>.

### **Centers for Disease Control**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the *National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Exploratory and/or Developmental Grant Program*, which will: identify and investigate the relationships between hazardous working conditions and associated occupational diseases and injuries; develop more sensitive means of evaluating hazards at work sites, as well as methods for measuring early markers of adverse health effects and injuries; develop new protective equipment, engineering control technology, and work practices to reduce the risks of occupational hazards; and evaluate the technical feasibility or application of a new or improved occupational safety and health procedure, method, technique, or system.

Each project may receive up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Applications are due October 1, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-408.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for *Packaging Proven HIV Behavioral Interventions for Use with Underserved and Emergent High-Risk Populations*, which will solicit research scientists or non-research agencies that partner with scientists, to package effective science-based interventions that have not been previously packaged. The research findings should have been published in a peer-reviewed journal, have been accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal, or submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

Approximately \$1.6 million is available over the next two years for four awards, each averaging \$200,000 annually. Letters of intent are due May 31, 2006. Applications are due July 3, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/PS06-649.htm>.

### **Health Resources and Services Administration**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the *Public Health Traineeship Program*. These grants are awarded to accredited schools of public health, and public or nonprofit private institutions to support traineeships to individuals pursuing a course of study in a health professions field in which there is

a severe shortage. Traineeships awarded under this grant shall provide for tuition, fees, and such stipends and allowances for eligible trainees.

Approximately \$1,483,000 is available to fund 34 awards. Applications are due June 15, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://apply.grants.gov/opportunities/instructions/oppHRSA-06-027-cfda93.964-cid1903-instructions.doc>.

### **National Institutes of Health**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for *Bioengineering Research Grants*, which will conduct basic and applied multi-disciplinary research that addresses important biological, bioengineering or medical research problems.

Award amounts are contingent on the availability of funds. Applications are due October 1, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-419.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply to study *Brain Disorders in the Developing World: Research across the Lifespan*, which will conduct research projects, involving investigators in developed and developing countries, focusing on brain disorders throughout life relevant to developing nations. The collaborative research programs are expected to contribute to the long-term goal of building sustainable research capacity in developing countries to address neurological/neurodevelopmental function and impairment throughout life.

Each project may receive up to \$100,000 annually. Letters of intent are due April 16, 2007. Applications are due May 16, 2007.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-420.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for research on *Circulating Cells in Cancer Detection*. These projects will develop novel technologies for capturing, enriching, and preserving exfoliated abnormal cells and macromolecules in body fluids or effusions and to develop methods for concentrating the enriched cells for biomarker studies.

Each project may receive up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Applications are due October 1, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-423.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply to conduct *Clinical Research on Mental Illnesses in Older Adults*, which will reduce the burden of mental illnesses on older adults. NIMH has a long-standing commitment to studying mental illnesses in older individuals. The intent of this program is to intensify investigator-initiated research in this area, to attract new investigators to the field, and to enhance interdisciplinary approaches to research.

Award amounts are contingent on the availability of funds. Applications are due October 1, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-422.html>.

Qualified applicants are sought for two types of grants researching *Complementary and Alternative Medicine for Substance and Alcohol Related Disorders (R03 and R21)*. These projects will identify, evaluate and develop safe and effective complementary and alternative medicine therapies for the treatment of substance use disorders and alcohol use disorders, including abuse or dependence on licit and illicit drugs, and for the treatment of neurological, psychiatric and medical consequences of drug and alcohol addiction.

R03 projects may receive up to \$50,000 annually over a two year period. R21 projects may request up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Applications for both types of grants are due October 1, 2006.

The R03 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-424.html>.

The R21 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-425.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for three types of grants to conduct research on *Diet, Epigenetic Events, and Cancer Prevention (R01, R03, and R21)*. These projects will conduct clinical and preclinical research to determine how diet and dietary factors, including dietary supplements, impact DNA methylation, histone posttranslational modification, and other epigenetic processes involved in cancer prevention and development. An important aim is to encourage collaborations between nutrition and epigenetic experts to study bioactive food components with cancer-preventative properties and to examine key epigenetic events in cancer processes in order to begin to establish linkages between epigenetics, methylation patterns, and tumor incidences/behaviors.

R01 award amounts are contingent on the availability of funds. R03 awards may request up to \$50,000 annually over a two year project period. R21 grants may receive up to \$275,000 over a two year project period. Applications for all three types of grants are due October 1, 2006.

The R01 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-412.html>.

The R03 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-414.html>.

The R21 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-413.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for *Exploratory/Developmental Bioengineering Research Grants*, which will support: innovative, high-risk, high pay-off projects; exploration of new approaches or concepts to a particular substantive area; research and development of new technologies, techniques or methods; or initial research and development of data upon which significant future research may be built.

Each project may receive up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Applications are due October 1, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-418.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for two types of grants on *Innovations in Biomedical Computational Science and Technology (R01 and R21)*. These projects will promote research

and developments in computational science and technology that will support rapid progress in areas of scientific opportunity in biomedical research.

Biomedical computing or biomedical information science and technology includes database design, graphical interfaces, querying approaches, data retrieval, data visualization and manipulation, data integration through the development of integrated analytical tools, and tools for electronic collaboration, as well as computational and mathematical research including the development of structural, functional, integrative, and analytical models and simulations.

R01 award amounts are contingent on the availability of funds. R21 grants may receive up to \$275,000 over a two year project period. Applications for both types of grants are due June 24, 2006.

The R01 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-410.html>.

The R21 program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-06-411.html>.

Qualified applicants are sought for research on *Neurodevelopment and Neuroendocrine Signaling in Adolescence: Relevance to Mental Health*. These projects will identify neurodevelopmental and neuroendocrine mechanisms that impact emotional and cognitive development and emerging psychopathology during adolescence, utilizing animal models and human studies.

Each project may receive up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Applications are due October 1, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-428.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for research using *New Models of Pain Relevant to the Trigeminal System*, which will stimulate research on chronic orofacial pain disorders that will provide insights into the pathophysiological mechanisms underlying these conditions and the biological mechanisms underlying analgesic treatments of these disorders.

Two major goals are to stimulate research on patients with chronic painful disorders and to stimulate the development and utilization of novel animal models of chronic orofacial pain conditions. The development of novel measures of pain in patients and animals that are non-invasive and objective and that permit a behavioral or functional assessment of pain is also encouraged. The primary outcome of this research will be increased knowledge of the biological mechanisms underlying chronic pain disorders, nociception, and analgesic therapies.

A total of \$3 million is available for this and another, parallel award program. Between eight and ten awards will be funded. Letters of intent are due October 23, 2006. Applications are due November 21, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DE-07-006.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply to conduct research on the *Pharmacogenetics of Fluoride*, which will focus on the genetic basis underlying individual responses to ingested fluoride in tooth mineralized tissues and other physiological processes. Projects should aim to identify and characterize fluoride-responsive genetic variations in humans or animal models. Applicants should specifically address how pharmacogenetics data will be interpreted and translated into risk assessment for public health.

Each project may receive up to \$275,000 over a two year period. Letters of intent are due August 17, 2006. Applications are due September 15, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-421.html>.

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for a grant to conduct research on *Probiotics for Pediatric Illnesses*, which will study mechanism(s) of action, safety and efficacy of probiotics, as well as for more robust intervention studies for the prevention and treatment of pediatric illnesses for which more convincing preliminary data are available.

Award amounts are contingent on the availability of funds. Applications are due October 1, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-426.html>.

Qualified applicants are sought for *Research on Community Reintegration for People with Psychiatric Disabilities*. These projects will conduct multidisciplinary/translational research, especially mixed-methods research, that will explore: the individual, social, and service system conditions necessary for people with psychiatric disabilities to reintegrate into community life; the organizational and service system conditions necessary to enable service providers to facilitate that reintegration; and the effectiveness of rehabilitation strategies and programs in helping socioculturally diverse individuals who have widely varying goals, material and social resources, and clinical needs.

Award amounts are contingent on the availability of funds. Applications are due October 1, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-427.html>.

## **DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Office of Grants and Training**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the *FY 2006 Competitive Training Grants Program - Solicitation for Concept Papers*. This program will fund national preparedness training initiatives that further the DHS mission of preparing the nation to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from incidents of terrorism or catastrophic events. As such, programs funded in response to this solicitation must address a national preparedness problem. Course materials and course offerings must be offered and accessible to responders throughout the nation. While the delivery must account for national coverage, the delivery rollout can be implemented regionally to leverage expertise, share resources, and enhance training capacity.

Projects will develop training programs that enable federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial entities, their private and non-government partners, and the general public to achieve and sustain risk-based target levels of capabilities to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from major events in order to minimize the impact on lives, property, and the economy.

A total of \$28,809,000 is available to fund this program and each project will last for three years. Concept papers are due May 31, 2006. Those who are invited will be expected to submit full proposals by June 30, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://apply.grants.gov/opportunities/instructions/oppDHS-06-OGT-068-1390-cfda97.068-instructions.doc>.

## **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

### **Office of Disability Employment Policy**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for a grant entitled *Self-Employment for Adults and Youth with Disabilities Research and Technical Assistance*. A critical element of this endeavor will be the generation of data and information to validate systems capacity-building strategies and systems change models for successfully increasing self-employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities, to document the systems-related difficulties and challenges that may be encountered, and to develop and test mechanisms for addressing these challenges.

This data, obtained as a result of research and technical assistance efforts, will be used by ODEP and other stakeholders in developing policy recommendations across multiple public and private systems for increased self-employment options as an alternative to more traditional types of employment.

One national research and technical assistance cooperative award will be funded, which will: provide direct technical assistance to the ODEP grantees; provide technical assistance, training, dissemination and informational services to a broad constituency that will include state and local workforce development entities; and identify and analyze the effects of existing programs on entrepreneurship by people with disabilities.

Several other projects will be funded, which will research, test and evaluate innovative models of self-employment service delivery that can be adopted across the country and provide sub-national technical assistance supportive of their individual research efforts within a political or economic jurisdiction.

The national research and technical assistance award will receive \$1.5 million for a three year project. The sub-national awards will each receive between \$800,000 and \$1.2 million for three year projects.

Applications are due July 3, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20061800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2006/pdf/06-4669.pdf>.

## **U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the *AIDS, Population, and Health Integrated Assistance Program (APHIA II)* in Kenya, which will provide HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis prevention, treatment, care and support, and to a lesser extent, reproductive health /family planning, malaria, and maternal and child health services. Projects are expected to improve and expand facility and community-based HIV/AIDS, reproductive health/family planning and selected maternal and child health services.

HIV/AIDS services and activities are the most important component of this program, but integrating these services with TB, RH/FP, and MCH services is required, to the maximum extent feasible. Also funded under this program are selected training and operations research activities that contribute to improved service delivery and which will be gradually introduced and increased over the course of the project.

The objectives of this program are to improve and expand facility-based HIV/AIDS, TB, RH/FP, malaria and MCH services; improve and expand civil society activities to increase healthy behaviors; and improve and expand care and support for people and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Between \$32 and \$35 million is available for one five year project. Applications are due June 29, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://apply.grants.gov/opportunities/instructions/opp623-A-06-21-cfda98.001-instructions.doc>.

## **U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

Qualified faith-based and other organizations may apply for the *Help America Vote College Program*, which will encourage students enrolled at institutions of higher education to assist state and local governments in the administration of elections by serving as poll workers or assistants; encourage college students to become cognizant of the elections process and civic educations, and to assist the smooth administration of elections in their community, and; encourage state and local governments to use the services of the students participating in the College Program.

Approximately \$250,000 is available to fund up to 30 awards, each averaging \$10,000. Applications are due June 15, 2006.

The program announcement is at:

<http://www.eac.gov/docs/GRANT%20ANNOUNCEMENT2006.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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