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### Maryland Hispanic Workforce Council (MHFC) Workforce Conference and Job Fair for Underutilized Communities



July 17, 2008

The Maryland Hispanic Workforce Council will host an unprecedented event on July 17, 2008: the 2008 Workforce Conference and Job Fair for Underutilized Communities.

The conference objectives are:

- to familiarize employers with the sources of underutilized communities;
- to provide job opportunities for the general population as well as for underserved communities;
- to assist attendees with job search, employment opportunities, immigration issues, English Language, job skills and career training.

The 2008 Workforce Conference and Job Fair will consist of: a morning conference from 9am to 12 noon, an awards luncheon for exhibitors and an afternoon Job Fair from 2pm to 6pm for job applicants.

In previous years, this event was attended by about 600 exhibitors and job applicants.

For more information, call **(410) 558-3515** , **1-866-787-3727** or email MHFC at [workforce@mdhcc.net](mailto:workforce@mdhcc.net)

### Cámara de Comercio de Wheaton y Kensington Mesa Redonda



12 de julio de 2008, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

La Cámara de Comercio de Wheaton y Kensington presenta: La Mesa Redonda de Empresarios Hispanohablantes: Técnicas exitosas para mejorar ventas.

Esta mesa redonda será facilitada:  
Latino Economic Development Corporation and Signal Financial FCU.

**Dirección:** Signal Financial FCU  
3015 University Blvd. West  
Kensington, MD 20895

Para recibir mas detalles, envíe preguntas a [wheatonbusiness@hotmail.com](mailto:wheatonbusiness@hotmail.com)

## CentroNía

### CentroNía Announces National NAEYC Reaccreditation for Excellence in Early Childhood Education

Does your family volunteer together? FamilyFun wants to hear about what it is you do -- and why!

CentroNía's early childhood programs have received the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) reaccreditation. This accreditation covers the Infant and Toddler and Pre-K programs as well as the three early childhood grades in CentroNía's DC Bilingual Public Charter School. Accreditation of Programs for Young Children was established in 1985 in order to set professional standards for programs devoted to early childhood education.

To earn NAEYC accreditation in the new system, CentroNía went through an extensive 18 month self- study to measure each of its programs against NAEYC's ten Early Childhood Education Standards, which include more than four-hundred related criteria. Renata Claros, CentroNía's Program Manager explains, "CentroNía not only had more criteria to meet, but had to undergo a self-assessment that included a continual plan for improvement. NAEYC pushes you to implement higher standards instead of just theorizing about them." CentroNía's programming received a 100% or 100+% rating in eight of ten categories. In essence, CentroNía's programming has more than sufficiently met the country's rising standard for early childhood education.

CentroNía was established in 1986 and has been accredited under the previous NAEYC system since 1993. CentroNía will build on its success as a model early childhood education program and continue to work toward further improvement in an effort to work towards an even greater level of quality programming.

As the letter from the Association states, "The administration, teaching staff, and families of CentroNía are all to be congratulated for being one of the first programs in the country to earn the mark of quality represented by the reinvented NAEYC accreditation system."

For more information about CentroNía, visit: <http://www.centronia.org>. For more information about NAEYC Accreditation, visit: <http://www.naeyc.org/accreditation/>

## The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS)

### 2008-2009 Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI) training program

August 1, 2008

The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS) is seeking applicants for its 2008-2009 Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI) training program. SPI is a free training opportunity for emerging nonprofit and faith-based organizations. The 12 month intensive training program is designed to help nonprofit professionals move their organizations to the next level of operations and service-delivery.

According to the national study of nonprofit executive leaders "Daring to Lead 2006" executive directors are concerned with organizational sustainability and are seeking new skills and strategies through capacity-building training and other professional development. The SPI program provides this much needed and desired professional development.

Executive directors (or equivalent positions) from organizations providing direct services to District

residents may apply if several conditions are met. The organization must: be incorporated in DC; have 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; have an annual budget under \$500,000; strive for professional and organizational growth; and have a strong commitment to complete the 12-month program and attendance requirements.

For further information, contact OPGS at **(202) 727-8900** or download [SPI 2008-2009 application\\*](#).

### **LEGO Children's Fund** **Early Childhood Learning Grants**



The LEGO Children's Fund will provide grants of up to \$5,000 for collaborative programs to organizations that focus on early childhood education, technology and communication projects, or athletic programs that concentrate on underserved youth.

To learn more, visit [www.legochildrensfund.org](http://www.legochildrensfund.org).

### **Fair Chance** **Partnership Opportunity** September 15-16, 2008



Fair Chance strengthens organizations that serve children and families in Washington, D.C. by partnering with them to build their capacity. Fair Chance seeks opportunities to help those organizations that do good, do better.

To be considered for a partnership with Fair Chance, an organization must:

- be exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
- be committed to serving children and families in Wards 5-8 in Washington, D.C.
- currently operate a program for youth and/or families

In addition, Fair Chance looks for organizations with:

- committed and capable leadership;
- a mission focused on improving the lives of those living in Wards 5-8 in Washington, D.C.;
- a vision tailored to a specific and demonstrable need;
- clear plans for growth;
- current funding;
- a willingness to collaborate with other community groups;

To apply for a partnership, please complete the partner application. E-mail your completed application to Ebony Ross at [eross@fairchancedc.org](mailto:eross@fairchancedc.org) or print and mail it to: Partner Application, Fair Chance, 1413 K Street NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC 20005. For more information, visit: [http://www.fairchancedc.org/partners\\_guide.php](http://www.fairchancedc.org/partners_guide.php).

### **Internship Opportunities** **Office of Inspector General (OI), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** Student Diversity Volunteer Internship Program (SDVIP)



The Student Diversity Volunteer Internship Program (SDVIP) provides students with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience and apply their educational knowledge to the real workforce. Student interns augment the OI workforce, and offer fresh perspectives and innovative solutions to problems. Internship opportunities are available at OI Headquarters and all Regional Office and Field Office locations. With over 70 OI locations to choose from, students have the opportunity to apply during the school semester (while away from home) or during the summer session (when at home).

This program will enable students to provide volunteer services to OI and expose the students to OI career opportunities. The program will focus on providing students substantive work experience in OI functions. Ideally, students will be assigned to work in areas representative of their interests and field of study. A list of work assignments may be provided to the student upon entry into OI.

Students interested in working with OI offices around the country or with Headquarters may work in any of the three areas listed below, and will assist with the following duties: Investigations, Computer Forensics & Technology, and Mission Support.

For more information, visit: [http://www.oig.hhs.gov/organization/OI/student\\_diversity.html](http://www.oig.hhs.gov/organization/OI/student_diversity.html)

## Job Opportunities:



### **Polaris Project**

*DC Case Manager*

Polaris Project is seeking a Case Manager to provide comprehensive case management to survivors of trafficking in persons as part of the DC Trafficking Intervention Program (DC TIP) of Polaris Project. The Case Manager will:

- Provide case management services to clients and coordinate psychosocial, legal, medical, translation and shelter services and referrals [90%]
- Conduct outreach activities, including direct victim outreach and community outreach activities [10%]

Polaris Project uses the empowerment model of service delivery, encouraging the client to actively make choices about the development and implementation of her treatment and to leverage her strengths while developing a positive sense of self. The empowerment model profoundly changes the expectation of the client and her role from passive participant to manager of her own life and collaborator within her social support network.

For a detailed job description and more information, please visit: [http://www.polarisproject.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=88](http://www.polarisproject.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=88).



### **Alliance for Excellent Education**

*Research and Policy Assistant*

National policy and advocacy organization seeks experienced, qualified individual to support policy and advocacy efforts related to improving America's secondary schools. Responsible for managing projects in a fast-paced environment; researching and drafting publications; assisting in the development and communication of policy recommendations; organizing meetings; serving as liaison with other organizations; and other activities to advance federal policy to reform middle and high schools. Bachelor's degree in relevant discipline, experience with quantitative analysis, and minimum 2 years experience in education, public policy or advocacy related to education required. Competitive salary and benefits package. The Alliance engages employees without regard to race, color, religion, creed, age, gender, marital status, or any other characteristic covered by law.

For a full job description, please click here. To apply, send resume and cover letter to: Vice President of Administration and Finance Alliance for Excellent Education, 1201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 901, Washington, DC 20036 or via email to [sshipton@all4ed.org](mailto:sshipton@all4ed.org).



### **State Farm**

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State Farm is looking for the best and brightest to help people in their communities protect themselves from unexpected events and financial risk.

The State Farm Agency opportunity can offer:

- Control of YOUR time and income potential
- The ability to be the CEO and run YOUR OWN business
- The chance to work with the #1 property and casualty insurer in the U.S.
- The chance to be a respected leader in your community

There are several agency opportunities in Northern VA. To find out more, please contact: Pamela Armas, Agency Recruiter  
**(703) 399-6120**



### DC Vote

#### *Outreach Associate*

DC Vote is seeking an Outreach Associate to spearhead its student outreach initiatives as well as to assist the Outreach Director with the organization's coalition and advocacy work. DC is working to secure voting representation in Congress for DC residents.

DC Vote is looking for a hard-working person with proven student organizing capabilities, excellent written and verbal communications skills, and an outgoing personality. A college degree is required. Persistence, the ability to multi-task and adapt easily to a variety of circumstances, and demonstrated sound judgment are essential. DC Vote provides a very generous employee benefits package. Our offices are in Dupont Circle and near restaurants, shops, and the Metro. We are an equal opportunity employer and greatly value diversity.

Applicants should e-mail a cover letter and resume to [resume@dcvote.org](mailto:resume@dcvote.org) with the subject line reading "Outreach Associate." No telephone calls please. For a full job description, visit: <http://www.dcvote.org/about/jobs.cfm>.

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The IDB-DC Solidarity Program is an initiative of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). It builds strategic partnerships with local community-based organizations to promote community development initiatives aimed at the Hispanic and Caribbean communities in the Washington Metropolitan Area, with emphasis on education, health and economic development.

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