



Co- Chairs: Clarisa Sanchez & Eva Iraheta

Secretary: Cristy Dieterich

SF-CAIRS Meeting

Wednesday, March 12th 2013 – 12:15 pm– 1:45pm

Host: Catholic Charities CYO

Welcome & Introductions –Cristy Dieterich (SF-DPH/Newcomers Health Program), Eva Iraheta (Dept of Human Services), Olga Radom (Sunset Project), Daisy Reyes (LEN Institute), Suyen Figueroa, (Arriba Juntos), Jadma Noronha and Piali Banerjle (SAGE project), Nora Goodfriend-Koven (City College Healthcare Interpreter program), Helen Liang (US Fund for UNICEF), Gabriella Villareal (CA Immigrant Policy Center), Carrie Bauer (ASU), Efram Sandoval (Arriba Juntos), Alejandra Guillen(Mission Asset Fund), Latisha Taylor (WDD).

Member Agency Highlight:

The SAGE Project, Inc.

Jadma Noronha, Anti-Trafficking Program Manager

(415) 321-3159, jadman@sagesf.org www.sagesf.org

SAGE (Standing Against Global Exploitation) provides compressive trauma-informed and health services including:

- peer counseling
- case management
- mental health therapy
- psycho-social, life skills and process groups
- harm-reduction substance use counseling
- acupuncture and other holistic healing services

to improve the lives of persons who have experienced or at risk of sexual exploitation, human trafficking, violence and other forms of trauma.

Their programs include:

- SAGE's Trauma & Addiction Recovery (STAR) Center for female identified women in SF
- Anti-Trafficking Services and Free Awareness Trainings
- Early Intervention Prostitution Program (EIPP)
- Mental Health Services
- Youth Program
- Integrated Medicine Clinic
- Saturday First Offenders Prostitution Program

Services are available in multiple languages.

Call to make a referral for services: 415-905-5050

Legislative Update: bills signed into law last legislative session.

California Immigrant Policy Center - CIPC <https://www.caimmigrant.org/>

Gabriela Villareal gvillareal@caimmigrant.org. Policy Manager, CIPC's Oakland office.

2013 Legislative updates that impact immigrants. CA has the largest immigrant population in the US at 11 million and is home to ¼ of the US immigrant population.

Updates include bills on **Worker Protections such as:**

Domestic Workers Bill of Rights (AB241)

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Ability to update personal information without fear of retaliation (AB 263)
Increase minimum wage to \$9/hr on July 1, 2014.

Immigrant Integration such as:

Driver's Licenses (AB60)
Expand Poll Worker Recruitment

Public Safety such as:

TRUST Act (AB4)
Access to crime reports for survivors (AB1195)

Health and Education:

Expand MediCal to those with DACA (ABx11 /SBx11)
Restore in-state tuition for US citizen children living abroad (SB141)

Also see <https://www.caimmigrant.org/> :

“Driver’s License Toolkit”
“Your Health, Your Future”

New Member intro: Helen Liang, Global Citizenship Fellow – San Francisco, - U.S. Fund for UNICEF’

hliang@unicefusa.org

Helen conducts community engagement activities with a focus on youth, high school clubs, campus initiatives, and presentations.

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County Information Updates: *by Eva Iraheta, Human Service Agency*

• **I-94 Form Automation Fact Sheet**

In order to increase efficiency, reduce operating costs and streamline the admissions process, U.S. Customs and Border Protection has automated Form I-94 at air and sea ports of entry. The paper form will no longer be provided to a traveler upon arrival, except in limited circumstances. The traveler will be provided with a CBP admission stamp on their travel document. For more information please view [the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Fact Sheet](#). If a traveler needs a copy of their I-94 (record of admission) for verification of alien registration, immigration status or employment authorization, it can be obtained from. www.cbp.gov/I94.

• **Changes in Refugee Resettlement Program Terminology**

The United States Department of State recently updated refugee program terminology. Voluntary Agencies (VOLAGs) are now referred to as **Resettlement Agencies RAs** and Mutual Assistance Associations (MAAs) are now referred to as **Ethnic Community Based Organizations (ECBOs)**. Please note these updates as changes are being made to the Refugee Programs Bureau documents and webpage. Thank you.

And more here: <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/refugeeprogram/pg1544.htm>

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Announcement:

- Carrie Bauer, MA, Doctoral Student Justice and Social Inquiry School of Social Transformation – research study - emails sent out to SFCAIRS list serve. For more info: cmbauer1@asu.edu

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Next meeting: Wednesday , May 14, 2014 – 12:15pm– 1:45pm

SF-CAIRS Mission

SF-CAIRS aims to serve San Francisco Bay Area asylee, immigrant and refugee communities and its service providers by:

- ❖ *Expanding knowledge and access to health, employment, social, education and legal services;*
- ❖ *Supporting advocacy efforts through coalition-wide networking, information sharing, cross-referrals and community education; and,*
- ❖ *Identifying and addressing challenges faced by immigrants at personal and societal levels.*

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