

SF-CAIRS Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 13, 2016 9-11am

Host: American Red Cross 1663 Market St, San Francisco, CA 94103

Welcome & Introductions – *Cristy Dieterich (SF-DPH/Newcomers Health Program), Eva Iraheta (SF-HSA), Daisy Reyes (LEN Institute), Alla Rivas (SF-DPH Newcomers Health Program), Amy Lee and Claire Crawford (Jubilee Immigration Advocates), Damon Martinez (CalWORKS HSA), Michael Liao (NICOS), Blythe Raphael (East Bay Refugee Forum), Erin Quinn (ILRC.), , Tania Dubrovsky, (Sunset-BACR)*
Via phone: Bowa Tucker (Regional Rep, ORR Administration for Children and Families, Region IX), Sysvahn Kabeko (Chief, Refugee Programs Bureau State Refugee Coordinator, California Department of Social Services)

Partner Agency Presentation:

NICOS Chinese Health Coalition - Michael S. Liao, MSW- Director of Programs.

The Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Services Advocacy, Consultation & Training (CLAS ACT) is a project of NICOS Chinese Health Coalition. The CLAS ACT project utilizes the Office of Minority Health's CLAS standards as a framework to reduce health disparities and improve outcomes among San Francisco's diverse populations. At no cost, they will do an assessment, develop and help implement a technical assistance plan, and contact you with resources. By working with NICOS you can:

- Improve ability to effectively serve diverse populations
- Improve client enrollment, retention and outcomes
- Meet cultural competency standards as may be required by federal, state, and local government

SAMPLE TRAINING TOPICS with free CEUs available:

- Working with Clients with Disability
- Understanding the Cultural Context of Cultural Responsiveness for Latinos
- Guidelines for Providing Culturally Responsive Services to LGBT Clients
- Transgender Responsive Practices
- Working with Older Adults/Aging Populations
- Working with Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Communities: Cultural Competency in Practice
- Working Effectively with African Americans Seeking Recovery From Addiction

*Contact Michael to arrange for a training michaelliao@nicoschc.org

Please share attached flyer.

Program Presentations:

CalWORKs Family Stabilization Program (FSP)

Damon Martinez – Welfare to Work Program Specialist

The FSP is a 6 month crisis stabilization program. It centers on providing homeless individuals with housing quickly and then providing wrap-around services as needed, including DV, SSI case management, substance and behavioral health issues, and other referrals.

Eligibility: CalWORKS families, single and two parent household with children under 18. Get client release to speak to Eligibility Specialist regarding referral and eligibility.

See attached info flyer.

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Works Housing Support Program – promote housing stability with aim of housing retention and address barriers that impact the individuals and/or families’ path towards self-sufficiency. Currently program is at capacity with 155 families. There is a priority waitlist and they are accepting referrals.

Benefit summary: Temporary housing subsides for up to 12-months, Individualized Service Plan reevaluated every 3-months.

Eligibility: Lack fixed housing, maintain CalWORKS eligibility.

Referrals and questions can be sent to: CALWORKS-HP@SFGOV.ORG or 415-557-6094

See attached info flyer.

Jubilee Immigration Advocates - Amy Lee, Executive Director & Managing Attorney, 3265 16th Street, SF. Monday to Thursday 9am to 5 pm. Please call Amy Lee or Clare Crawford 415.813.1958 to schedule consultation.

Jubilee Immigration Advocates provide legal representation on a wide range of immigration matters with aim to make legal immigration services affordable to all, including those with more complex issues.

Affordable legal services include:

- Relief for Victim of Abuse and Violence
- Deportation Defense
- Family petitions
- Citizenship,
- DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)

Please share attached info.

Announcements

Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC) – Erin Quin – There have been no immigration raids in the Bay Area. They are not anticipated but share Red Card/Know your Rights info with clients. Order free cards from ILRC. Cards will be delivered in February. Report any raids (multiple people/one action) to Maria Villalta at CARECEN - 415-642-4400.

Trust Line – email for quick response about law enforcement reporting to ICE -GRuiz@ILRC.org

ILRC has a Free to non-profits, Attorney of the Day for case specific questions. Email your agency name and question to AOD@ILRC.org

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Contact Cristy or Eva if you have any items or presentations for the next meeting: cristy.dieterich@sfdph.org , eva.ihaheta@sfgov.org

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 9-11am.

Evaluation questions with responses:

* What did you enjoy most about today’s meeting?

- **Packed full of information. Great topics.**

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- Learning more about resources for refugees, immigrants, asylees

* Please share any additional comments:

- Nice job Cristy and Eva
- Excellent job running the meeting and bringing people to the table!

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