

REFUGEE WORKS

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Tackling Job Development in a Difficult Economy: A Resource Guide

RefugeeWorks' Publications and Training Materials
<http://www.refugeeworks.org/about/publications.html>

EMPLOYMENT ORIENTATION

Free Web Site Launched to Help Immigrants Learn English (Department of Education, November 7, 2008)

<http://www.USALearns.org>

2009 Tax Credit Outreach Campaign Kit Now Available (The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, December 2008).

Order a free copy by email, at eickit@cbpp.org, or call 202-408-1080

<http://www.cbpp.org/eic2009>

Picture This! Financial Curriculum for Adults with Limited Literacy, ISED

<http://refugeeworks.pbwiki.com/f/PictureThisCurriculum.pdf>

Picture This! Learning Tools. Picture This! Learning Tools, ISED

<http://refugeeworks.pbwiki.com/f/PictureThisLearningToolspdf.pdf>

What To Expect Your First Year in the U.S.: An orientation document for Iraqi professionals (Upwardly Global, 2008)

http://www.upwardlyglobal.org/downloads/Iraqi_Orientation.pdf

FREE RESOURCES

FreeBooks4Doctors! is dedicated to the promotion of free access to medical books over the Internet.

<http://freebooks4doctors.com/>

How to Get a Free Education (e-How, January 2009) The web is making it easier than ever to get a free education.

Although you won't earn college credits from the free classes available online, you can learn a great deal.

http://www.ehow.com/how_4732638_free-education.html

How to Help Refugees Get Jobs in a Down Market (RefugeeWorks e-How, January 2009)

http://www.ehow.com/how_4737367_help-refugees-jobs-down-market.html

The Freecycle Network is made up of 4,688 groups with 6,5 million people across the globe who are giving and getting stuff for free in their own towns.

<http://www.freecycle.org>

Wordpress.com offers free web space.

<http://www.wordpress.com>

GREEN JOBS

An Inclusive Green Economy: A Guide to Using 2009 Recovery Act Funds (Green for All, 2009)

<http://www.greenforall.org/resources/recoveryusersguide/download>

Green For All is a national organization dedicated to building an inclusive green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty.

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

Green Jobs Guidebook (Environmental Defense Fund, September 2008)

This Guidebook provides details on 45 job types for high school grads, many paying more than \$25 per hour, information on job training and placement programs, and listings of valuable apprenticeship programs
<http://www.edf.org/article.cfm?contentID=8466>

Green Jobs Training Funds, "Pathways out of Poverty," Now Available (U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, May 2009)

Two separate applicant pools can compete for grants under this solicitation: Eligible national community-based and faith-based organizations with local networks; local partnerships that include community-based organizations, education and training institutions, business and labor organizations.

http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?docn=2755

<http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/ten/TEN44-08acc.pdf> (complete document)

HEALTHCARE JOBS

Medical Interpreters' Registry (Center for Applied Linguistics, January 2009)

The registry gives hospitals, interpreters and researchers access to a complimentary online resource for identifying professional medical interpreters and reviewing their language skills and credentials.

<http://www.languageline.com>

HOUSING

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Housing Assistance Tip Sheet (The Citizens Housing and Planning Association, May 2009)

<http://www.chapa.org/pdf/2009StimulusBillFinal.pdf>

Foreclosures Provide New Purpose for Refugee Center (The Lao Family Community Development, May 2009)

<http://www.bankforeclosuressale.com/wp/article-1202331.html>

The final stimulus package offers increased funding for Community Development Block Grants

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fbci/progs/fbci_csb.html

JOB SEARCH

Bureau of Labor Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov>

CareerOneStop's Acinet Website

CareerOneStop is a U.S. Department of Labor-sponsored Web site that offers career resources and workforce information to job seekers, students, businesses, and workforce professionals to foster talent development in a global economy.

<http://www.acinet.org>

Local Employment Dynamics (U.S. Census Bureau, 2009)

http://lehd.did.census.gov/led/led/doc/LEDonepager111408_hh_jw.pdf

Occupational Outlook Handbook

<http://www.bls.gov/oco>

Oodle.com

Oodle is the fastest growing classifieds service. Pulling together and organizing millions of listings from all over the Web, Oodle is simply the best way to buy and sell through online classifieds.

<http://www.oodle.com>

MARKETING

Email and Electronic Communication (Project to Strengthen Organizations Assisting Refugees, 2007)

<http://www.ethniccommunities.org/library/SOAREmailCommunication.pdf>

Building Relationships with the Media (IRC 2007)

<http://www.ethniccommunities.org/articulate-files/Media/Media/player.html>

Special Events Planning Tip Sheet (Project Strengthening Organizations Assisting Refugees, 2007)
<http://www.ethniccommunities.org/library/SOARFactsheetSpecialEvents.pdf>

Website Development Tip Sheet (IRC, 2007)
<http://www.ethniccommunities.org/library/SOARFactsheetWebsiteDesign.pdf>

Why Hire Refugees? Video promoting the idea of hiring refugees (The Nationalities Service Center, 2008)
<http://whyhirearefugee.org/>

MENTORING

A Match Made in Philadelphia: Connecting Highly Skilled Immigrant Workers with the Employers Who Need Them.
<http://www.welcomingcenter.org/documents/MatchMadePhila.finalreport.doc.pdf>

The Young Professionals in Foreign Policy Refugee Assistance Program helps newly resettled refugees from war-torn countries adapt to life in the United States. YFPF selects and trains teams of volunteers who are matched with refugee families for six months.
<http://www.yfpf.org/rap>

PELL GRANT

The Federal Pell Grant program, which provides financial aid grants to low-income students, is available for “eligible non-citizens,” which includes refugees, asylees, and Cuban/Haitian entrants. While the grant program is primarily intended to help students earn their first degree, students who are seeking teaching certification are also eligible. This would be a good resource to research further. There are two websites which may be of use to you:
http://www.disabilitybenefits101.org/ca/programs/income_support/student_aid/pell/faqs.htm#_q1512
<http://www.ed.gov/programs/fpg/index.html>

RECESSION

Associated Press Economic Stress Index: Measuring Financial Strain by County (AP, May 2009)
<http://www.tinyurl.com/pqatht>

Recession-Proof Careers (Kiplinger, 2008)
<http://www.kiplinger.com/columns/starting/archive/2008/st0326.htm>

Tackling Development During a Recession: Ten Points of Advice
<http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/recession.pdf>

The Changing Face of Pennsylvania's Workforce: A Guide to Hiring and Working with New Americans
http://www.welcomingcenter.org/documents/WCNP_ChangingFace.pdf

Understanding the Labor Market in a Deflationary Economic Context (Paul E. Harrington, Center for Labor Market Studies, Northeastern University, January 2009)
<http://reemploymentworks.workforce3one.org/view/2110902831981992422/info>

Where To Find Recovery Act Information
<http://www.dol.gov/recovery> (U.S. Department of Labor)
<http://economicrecovery.workforce3one.org> (Workforce3One, March 2009)
<http://www.grants.gov/applicants/recovery.jsp> (General Recovery Act Grants Announcements)
<http://www.refugeeworks.org/downloads/stimulus.pdf> (Stimulus Funds Fact Sheet)

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