

## NYC Citizen Corps Council's Immigrant Task Force Speaker Series

Is your organization ready to help meet your community's needs after a disaster? Experience has shown that immigrants and those with limited English can be at greater risk during emergencies. Social and cultural isolation and reduced access to information on public safety and forms of assistance can lead to unnecessary distress.

The **NYC Citizen Corps Council's Immigrant Task Force Speaker Series** is a new educational opportunity for organizations who work with immigrants. Come learn valuable lessons from past emergencies and build resiliency for your clients and their communities. The series is especially for nonprofits whose mission is not focused on disasters, but are interested in preparing for the unexpected role they may play in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

The **NYC Citizen Corps Council's Immigrant Task Force Speaker Series** will provide valuable, interesting and engaging information for organizations that work with immigrants. This forum will enable organizations to stay connected, get involved, and contribute their expertise to expand New York City's immigrant disaster human services network.

### **January 24, 2011 (3:30 PM) – Working Together to Support Immigrants After a Disaster**

The first Speaker Series event, entitled *Working Together to Support Immigrants After a Disaster*, will feature Ken Curtin, Voluntary Agency Liaison for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region II. Mr. Curtin, who has worked for FEMA since 1998, has more than 38 years of domestic and international experience in disaster and emergency human services. Mr. Curtin will talk about how organizations that support immigrants can work together to make a positive impact towards the care of their disaster-affected constituents.

The event will be held on Monday, January 24 from 3:30 – 5 PM at the NYC Office of Emergency Management (165 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn).

**For additional information or to register**, contact Kristina Corvin at [kcorvin@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:kcorvin@oem.nyc.gov) or (718) 422-8941 or visit the NYC Citizen Corps Council website at [www.NYC.gov/citizencorps](http://www.NYC.gov/citizencorps).

### **Look forward to upcoming Speaker Series events, including:**

- NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs and their role to support nonprofits and immigrant groups during disaster response and recovery
- Exploring joint post-disaster outreach strategies
- How to prepare your organization to be able to continue essential services to your clients if regular operations become disrupted as a result of an emergency
- Working together to advocate for better government policies
- Faith organizations, disasters, and immigrant affairs
- Legal services, immigration, and disaster
- Message from 9/11—what immigrant organizations can tell us to be ready for next time