

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.

April 26, 2011 (3:30 PM) – Donating Responsibly After a Disaster

Following an international disaster, the diaspora in New York City plays a special and critical role in relief efforts, bringing all New Yorkers closer to the events abroad. With this role often comes a responsibility to help manage donations in the best way possible.

Does your organization know what to do if someone donates 1,000 teddy bears after a disaster affecting your clients or their families abroad? This Speaker Series event will help organizations working with diaspora groups to think about donations management following a disaster, including assessment and planning before a disaster. Attendees will also learn more about organizations with experience in managing donations and how to get connected with them.

The event will feature a member of The Salvation Army of Greater New York's emergency team. One of The Army's core missions is providing relief for victims of disasters, and it has a long history of organizing donation campaigns and collecting cash and in-kind donations. Additionally, Rick Fernandez, a planner at the NYC Office of Emergency Management, will discuss the most responsible ways your immigrant clients can donate and volunteer to support NYC and their home countries following disasters.

The event will be held on Tuesday, April 26th 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 or (718) 422-8941. Visit the NYC Citizen Corps Council website at www.NYC.gov/citizencorps.