

## 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.

### **September 7, 2011 (3:30 PM) – The Time Is Now! Planning For The Unexpected**

September is National Preparedness Month – individuals, families, community organizations, and businesses are encouraged to take steps to be prepared for emergencies.

The NYC Citizen Corps Council's Immigrant Task Force, in conjunction with the NYC Office of Emergency Management, is supporting New York City organizations during National Preparedness Month. Because the community depends on nonprofit organizations for vital services and information, it is important that these organizations have a plan for what to do if this essential support is interrupted. This workshop will help you develop emergency plans for your organization.

- Have you thought about how your organization's role in the community might change after a disaster?
- Is your organization prepared if your regular operations are disrupted?
- Do you have a plan to continue vital services to your clients if this were to happen?
- Do your employees know how to take steps to prepare themselves and their families to be ready for an emergency?

If you answered "No" to any of these questions, then this workshop is for you!

Learn some low-cost steps from experts in the field on how to develop an emergency plan for your organization. You will come away with ideas to protect your organization, clients, and essential services.

The event will be held on Wednesday, September 7 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. Visit the NYC Citizen Corps Council website at [www.NYC.gov/citizencorps](http://www.NYC.gov/citizencorps).

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.