

2007 CONFERENCE ON
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Conference Agenda Detail

Monday, April 23, 2007																			
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9:30 am to 11:00 am	<p>ENGAGING VOLUNTEERS: KUSKOKWIM EAST [Dawnia Clements-Former E.D. of National Senior Corps of Alaska] This session will explore how to engage, motivate and retain volunteers in your community.</p> <p>LIFE STAGES OF A NONPROFIT/FBCO: KUSKOKWIM WEST [Dennis McMillian- The Foraker Group] Insight on how nonprofit organizations are formed and how they evolve over time; learn what "stage" your nonprofit is in and what "stage" could be next as well as how to deal with "founder's syndrome".</p> <p>CULTURE SHOCK-Cultural Competency & Faith-Based & Community Organizations: ROOM 308 (ELEVATORS TO 3RD FLOOR) [Brenda Moore-Christian Health Associates & Alaska Mental Health Board] This session will address Cultural Competency as it relates to faith and community based organizations effectively working together. Each has distinctive cultures that affect their activities in accordance with their values, norms and expectations. An understanding of the distinctive cultures of faith and community organizations is critical to successful collaboration.</p>																		



	<p>A VISION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE: ROOM 311 (ELEVATORS TO 3RD FLOOR) [Kristen McSwain- <i>AmeriCorps National & State</i>] This is your opportunity to hear from Director of AmeriCorps Kristin McSwain and engage in discussion with her regarding matters of interest to AmeriCorps members and program staff. She will share how AmeriCorps in Alaska fits into the bigger picture of national service and help us understand the CNCS vision for the future. Expect an update on CNCS priorities as outlined in the Strategic Plan and discussion related to Budget, Education Awards, Youth Corps Study, Disaster Relief and Recovery, Community and Faith Based Initiatives, and much more. Have your questions ready...</p> <p>PICK ABILITY: ROOM 305 (ELEVATORS TO 3RD FLOOR) [Heidi Frost- <i>Governor’s Council on Disabilities & Special Education</i>] We pose limitations on ourselves and others based on the limited information we have at the time. Pick Ability is an interactive workshop that gives us a new way of looking at people arming us with new tools. After the Pick Ability workshop, the audience will be armed with tools and will be able to slay the dragons of misunderstandings created by fear, myths, biases, and stereotypes. Though interactive, no one will be singled-out during the workshop, this is a group process that is fun and informative.</p>
See Agenda At-A-Glance	<p><i>VISTA CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT TRAINING</i> FACILITATION SKILLS: YUKON [Jane Oakley- <i>Office of Community Partnerships UAA</i>] Participants will learn skills to facilitate meetings.</p>
11:00 am to 11:30 am	BREAK: Network Visit Booths Silent Auction Open
11:30 am to 1:00 pm	<p>VOLUNTEER AWARDS CEREMONY: HOWARD ROCK BALLROOM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Welcome Sally & Chuck Heath Governor Palin’s Outstanding Volunteer Awards Governor Sarah Palin Stars of Gold Awards Lt. Governor Sean Parnell </p>
1:00 pm to 1:15 pm	BREAK
1:15 pm to 2:45 pm	<p>COMMUNICATE LIKE FIDO- BARK, BITE OR BEG: KUSKOKWIM EAST [Jana Chatham- <i>Nine Star Education & Employment Services</i>] Effective communication occurs when others understand exactly what you are trying to tell them and when you understand exactly what they are trying to tell you. This session teaches specific skills in how to communicate what needs to be communicated in a way that gets results rather than resentment. Learn how to control your reactions/responses, identify your audience, the situation, and develop life habits towards successful communication.</p>

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	<p>LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: KUSKOKWIM WEST [Dennis McMillian- <i>The Foraker Group</i>] Leaders grow organically, but learn what can be done to instigate, accelerate and sustain the grow tomorrow's leaders. Techniques that work for Leadership Development. Board composition and function as well as training and development of volunteers will also be discussed.</p> <p>FUNDERS FORUM: ROOM 308 (ELEVATORS TO 3RD FLOOR) [Facilitator: Gail West-<i>Former HUD Community & Faith Liaison</i>] Join an interactive discussion with representatives from Alaska's top funders. This session will be facilitated according to the World Café forum style. Volunteers/attendees will find resources to assist them in their positions and to assist the organizations with which they work or volunteer.</p> <p><i>FBCI ADVISORY COUNCIL</i> MEETING: ROOM 311 (ELEVATORS TO 3RD FLOOR) [Closed Session with Jay Hein]</p> <p>BREAKING THROUGH STIGMA- OPENING THE COMMUNITY TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES: ROOM 305 (ELEVATORS TO 3RD FLOOR) [Andrea Schmook] Community integration won't be successful without facing the barriers by the populace of the community. Negative effects of prejudice in the community limit job opportunities, social networks, family life, housing opportunities, and religious activity. This presentation will focus on the kinds of things that can be done within the community to change attitudes as one way to fulfill the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which is built on the principles of equal opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. People with disabilities view it as a ticket to work, the marketplace, the community, and a route to sharing in the responsibility of the American life.</p>
<p>See Agenda At-A-Glance</p>	<p><i>VISTA C.D.T.</i> LEADERSHIP/DIVERSITY: YUKON [Rosemary Williams] Participants will identify leaders, identify leadership skills, define leadership, understand the importance of respecting other cultures, & learn skills to work with people.</p>
<p>2:45 pm to 3:00 pm</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>3:00 pm to 4:30 pm</p>	<p>THE POWER OF PASSION: KUSKOKWIM EAST [Jerry Richards-<i>Nine Star Education & Employment Services</i>] We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act, but a habit. Learn how to move into excellence and enhance the lives of those around you and become the winner you were born to be. Expect great things as you begin with the end in mind.</p>

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	<p>PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT: KUSKOKWIM WEST [Dennis McMillian- <i>The Foraker Group</i>] Developing a program is as easy as learning how to articulate and measure its outcomes. Program evaluation training provides the framework for all successful program development.</p> <p>MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY GRANT SEEKING: ROOM 308 [Mary McRae Miller-<i>Alaska Funding Exchange</i>] Grant writing is no fun, which is why Mary McRae Miller of Alaska Funding Exchange thinks you should do the least amount of it possible. Learn the philosophy behind successful, efficient grantseeking programs and change the way you think about grants!</p> <p><i>FBCI ADVISORY COUNCIL</i> MEETING: ROOM 311 (ELEVATORS TO 3RD FLOOR) [Closed Session with Lt. Governor Parnell]</p> <p>Considering Developmental Disabilities in a Disaster: ROOM 305 (ELEVATORS TO 3RD FLOOR) [Pam Shackelford] This session will present an overview of the Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) model. PBS is considered best practice in the disability field as an intervention protocol with individuals who display very difficult behaviors. The session will discuss the ways in which individuals with developmental disabilities or brain/neurological challenges experience the world differently from neurologically typical individuals and how this may result in behaviors that are hard understand. We will also look at ways to help us "decode" these behaviors and then respond appropriately and in a manner that will not escalate anxious or aggressive behavior. We will also discuss pro-active measures which can prevent or reduce challenging behaviors.</p>
See Agenda At-A-Glance	<p><i>VISTA C.D.T.</i> LEADERSHIP/DIVERSITY: YUKON [Rosemary Williams] CONTINUED...</p>
Tuesday, April 24, 2007	
7:00 am to 12:00 pm	REGISTRATION
7:00 am to 8:00 am	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST SERVED
8:00 am to 9:30 am	<p>THE POWER OF PASSION (REPEAT): KUSKOKWIM EAST [Jerry Richards-<i>Nine Star Education & Employment Services</i>] We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act, but a habit. Learn how to move into excellence and enhance the lives of those around you and become the winner you were born to be. Expect great things as you begin with the end in mind.</p>

	<p>DON'T PUT ALL YOUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET! Why & How to Diversify Your Funding: KUSKOKWIM WEST [Mary McRae Miller-<i>Alaska Funding Exchange</i>] Nonprofit organizations have seven potential sources of income, but most of them concentrate all of their efforts on just one or two. Mary McRae Miller of Alaska Funding Exchange explains why you should re-consider your funding strategy and how to start finding more baskets for your agency's eggs!</p> <p>MIX & MATCH: Securing and Keeping Funding for Faith-Based and Community Programs: ROOM 308 [Ann Reynolds & Connie Morgan-<i>Covenant House of Alaska</i>] Successful grant proposals are just clear written communication about great programs. Covenant House Alaska's Crisis Center Program Coordinator and her grant writer will discuss how their partnership creates winning proposals from a diverse group of funders and community donors.</p> <p>WORKING WITH GRINCHES: ROOM 311 (ELEVATORS TO 3RD FLOOR) [Jana Chatham- <i>Nine Star Education & Employment Services</i>] <i>Do you feel like a target? Feel like people are taking "shots" at you? Are you an unprotected goalie?</i> Difficult people, "Grinches" can make your day less enjoyable. Developing the right strategies (equipment), you can learn to be an effective goalie instead of the target and excel while working with the Grinch in your environment.</p> <p>ARE YOU PREPARED? Personal Preparedness: ROOM 305 [Representatives from <i>American Red Cross</i>] Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if you did not have water, gas, electricity or telephones after a major emergency? No matter how well your community has planned their response to a disaster, in the event of a large-scale incident, first response resources may quickly become overwhelmed. How do you ensure the safety and well-being of you and your family? Learn tips from the Red Cross.</p>
See Agenda At-A-Glance	<p><i>VISTA C.D.T.</i> PROJECT PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION: HOWARD ROCK C [Midge Clouse- <i>VISTA Program Manager</i>] Participants will identify a project to be planned, analyze the project to determine needs, plan a strategy to address those needs, identify possible resources to complete the project, plan a strategy to obtain needed resources, determine how to measure performance of work completed, understand the importance of reporting project progress to the community.</p>
9:30 am to 9:45 am	BREAK
9:45 am to 11:00 am	<p>THE "UN-LEADER"-Leading when you aren't officially in charge: KUSKOKWIM EAST [RuthAnn Schoenleben- <i>Nine Star Education & Employment Services</i>] This fun and interactive workshop will teach you how to corral the energy and skills of coworkers and clients even if you are not "officially" in charge. Accomplish monumental tasks when you discover how to use the skills you have to lead and build skills in those around you.</p>

	<p>CREATING KINSHIP & COMMITMENT: KUSKOKWIM WEST [Shelly Eidsness-AASB: Alaska Initiative for Community Engagement] Having a difficult time getting it all done? Feeling like it's all on your shoulders? Need some help from your community? Come find the answers to your questions and concerns. When individuals and organizations have characteristics in common and a promise to complete an obligation, amazing things can happen. You'll discover what your organizational and community assets are and how to connect them to your work; you'll learn the skills to develop a capacity inventory; determine the strengths already available in your community and understand the concept of a Power Ladder as well as the Community Engagement Model. Understanding how individuals and communities move from awareness to action and then to sustainability will help you recognize where your community lies on the scale. Come on - let's figure this out together – like a community would!</p> <p>COMPASSION ALASKA: CAPACITY BUILDING RESOURCE: ROOM 308 [Michael Curran & Tara Horton- Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives] Is your organization's budget less than \$500,000? Have you received less than two State grants and zero Federal grants in the history of your organization? Do you have less than 10 staff? You may be eligible to apply for a sub-award to build your organization's capacity! Get the latest information on Compassion Alaska, a grant program offered by the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for the purposes of providing capacity building tools and funding to grassroots, faith-based and community organizations spanning the five regions in Alaska.</p> <p>AKVOAD 101 (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster): ROOM 311 [Representatives from Alaskan Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster] Cooperation, Communication, Coordination, Collaboration in Disaster Response: AKVOAD is meeting Alaska's Relief and Recovery Needs within a Cooperative Framework. Learn more about this structure and how you or your organization can get involved.</p> <p>PREPARED NEIGHBORHOODS: ROOM 305 [Vince McCoy- MOA Office of Emergency Management] The Emergency Watch Program was developed to prepare Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) neighborhoods for the reality that city services will be overextended for up to a week after a disaster. Not only is this a quick and easy way to get to know your neighbors, you will also benefit from the peace of mind disaster preparedness brings!</p> <p>The Emergency Watch Leader Orientation is designed for individuals that want to lead their neighborhood through a quick planning meeting (1 hour max) and one annual exercise. The orientation will provide guidelines and helpful hints to jump-start your preparedness effort. In addition, the MOA Office of Emergency Management will provide support to neighborhoods throughout the program development process.</p>
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11:15 am to 12:30 pm	<p>LUNCH: HOWARD ROCK A & B</p> <p>Keynote Address: Terri Hasdorff-Director of USAID Center for FBCI</p> <p>RURAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PANEL: This panel will offer the opportunity for attendees to learn more about disaster preparedness as it relates to rural and remote communities. For example: What is <i>Rural Disaster Preparedness</i>? How does it differ from <i>Urban Disaster Preparedness</i>? The panelists will discuss and share their regional stories. What was rural disaster preparedness in the past compared to what the needs are today? What is already in their community plans for disaster preparedness? What works and what doesn't work and what needs to be implemented in rural, regional plans?</p> <p>Panel Members: John Bockman, Jay Butler, Michael Curran, Greg Gould, Jeanie Greene Wilson Justin & Michael Vigil</p>
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12:45 pm to 2:00 pm	<p>GROUP PROBLEM SOLVING & DECISION MAKING- MADE EASY & FUN! KUSKOKWIM EAST [Joe Parrish-<i>SAGA</i>] Explore the dynamics of group problem solving and decision making through a sequenced series of activities and discussion. The focus will be on how groups react to challenges, leadership styles, group involvement, and how (good) decisions are made. This session is highly interactive and requires having fun.</p> <p>GRANT STATION 101: KUSKOKWIM WEST [Renee Patten-<i>Grant Station</i>] How do you go about finding the right grant maker for your programs and projects? In this workshop, you will learn how to use GrantStation, an online tool that provides all the resources you need to find the appropriate grant maker, and develop a compelling grant request. Each attendee will walk away with a two-week complimentary access to GrantStation, and a fuller understanding of how to find that ever elusive grant maker.</p> <p>FBCOs RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA: ROOM 308 [Charmaine Ramos-<i>AARP</i> & Shawne Langston-<i>Set Free Indeed Ministry</i>] What can we learn from the country's response to Hurricane Katrina? It takes more than government, volunteer or grassroots organization alone to respond to the needs of citizens before, during and following a disaster. Hear the stories of how volunteers and the faith-based community stepped up to the plate in this time of need.</p> <p>IF LOOKS COULD KILL: ROOM 311 [Kelly Frederick- <i>Nine Star Education & Employment Services</i>] While participating in this session you will learn how to be a quality Customer Service Representative. Have you ever been ignored while trying to get assistance,</p>



	<p>or been the brunt of someone’s bad day. Behavior breeds behavior, learn how to avoid bad behaviors and provide the utmost in quality Customer Service.</p> <p>DISASTERS & PERSONS W/ SPECIAL NEEDS: ROOM 305 [Panel Discussion] Seniors and persons with physical or cognitive limitations need special care during emergencies. Find out how to prepare your special loved ones for a disaster and learn about some activities your community might be involved in to ensure their safety.</p>
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2:00 pm to 2:15 pm	BREAK [SILENT AUCTION CLOSSES at 2:15pm]
2:15 pm to 3:30 pm	<p>BALANCED LIVING: KUSKOKWIM EAST [Carol Northamer- <i>Nine Star Education & Employment Services</i>] Improve the quality of your life; <i>you’re worth it!</i> Examine the factors relating to a balanced, healthy life style, identify causes and symptoms of stress and learn specific stress management techniques.</p> <p>DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR BUSINESSES & FBCOs: KUSKOKWIM WEST [Bea Adler- <i>Matanuska-Susitna Borough</i>] It has become increasingly clear that government’s primary responsibility is to restore basic public services before rendering assistance to the private sector. Direct aid to individual businesses is not on the priority list. As a result, it is recommended that the private sector be self sufficient for a minimum of three days. Do you have a continuity plan on how you would carry on, during or after a major incident? Obtain information on organizational disaster preparedness and management.</p> <p>SET FREE INDEED (FBCI Access to Recovery Program): ROOM 308 [Shawne Langston- <i>Set Free Indeed Ministry</i>] Free Indeed Faith-Based Intense Outpatient Clinic in Louisiana provides service to the community in the area of addiction from substance abuse and other related addictions and/or destructive behavior(s). Based on the belief that by faith one can be set free from addictions and destructive behaviors, Tonja and Darren Myles have established a one-of-a-kind faith-based organization recognized nationally for its promising practices with the promotion and use of Access to Recovery vouchers.</p> <p>BUILDING ASSETS IN ALASKA’S YOUTH: ROOM 311 [Chris Aquino- <i>Alaska Initiative for Community Engagement</i>] Developmental assets are the key building blocks necessary for young people to become healthy, caring, resilient, and successful. There are external assets (such as feeling support from caring adults and peers, having useful roles in their community, and using free time constructively), and internal assets (such as motivation to learn, a positive set of values, and good social skills). This workshop</p>

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	<p>will show the participant how to increase their ability to help Alaska's youth succeed.</p> <p>"CAN I MANAGE A DISASTER?": ROOM 305 [David Kang- <i>Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management</i>] Session will provide awareness of Federal, State and local community's formally recognized discipline of incident management. Concepts such as the National Incident Management System (NIMS), Incident Command System, National Response Plan, and the State of Alaska Emergency Response Plan will be addressed in terms related to volunteer organizations. In addition, the basic role of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and in particular State Emergency Coordination Center operations will be discussed. This topic will also cover the sequence of events associated with coordinating a disaster response between local, state, and Federal agencies. A contact list will be provided to the audience in how to obtain further information in terms of planning, training, and exercises.</p>
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<p>3:45 pm to 4:45 pm</p>	<p>SERVICE PROJECT: HOWARD ROCK A & B <i>HELP ASSEMBLE DISASTER A SUPPLY KIT FOR SOMEONE IN NEED...</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"> Brief Address Mayor Mark Begich Special Guests Mao Tosi & Pride Club Dancers Silent Auction Winners Announced Door Prizes Announced </p>