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1. Employment Opportunities

Arizona Workforce Connection – Job Banks  
<http://www.arizonaworkforceconnection.com/jobseekers/jobbanks.html>

Arizona Job Fairs and Career Events  
[http://www.workforce.az.gov/admin/uploadedPublications/1545\\_AzJobFairs.htm](http://www.workforce.az.gov/admin/uploadedPublications/1545_AzJobFairs.htm)

Executive Director, One in Ten (Tempe, AZ)  
[http://www.1n10.org/images/1n10\\_ED\\_Job\\_Announcement.pdf](http://www.1n10.org/images/1n10_ED_Job_Announcement.pdf)

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## 2. Internships, Scholarships and Other Educational Opportunities

Looking for a job or internship? Need help paying for school? Want to attend a conference or workshop? Check out these newly posted internships, scholarships and other educational opportunities, and view even more at [www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx](http://www.doyonfoundation.com/static/employment.aspx).

### Scholarships

- The Indigenous Early Intervention Alliance provides an educational scholarship called the Mishkoswln Scholarship (Strength) to help an indigenous college student who has shown courage, bravery and dedication to their college education. The nominee must be an enrolled tribal member (any tribe). For more information, contact Michael.Niles@asu.edu. Applications due August 31, 2009.
- The Keepers of the Fire Scholarship is an annual scholarship program that awards three \$500 scholarships to American Indian (indigenous) students attending a college or university in the United States or Canada. For more information, contact Michael.Niles@asu.edu. Applications due August 31, 2009.
- The \$300 Edbesendowen Scholarship will be given to an American Indian (indigenous) student who is accepted into, or registered at, a college or university (preferably studying social work or American Indian studies). For more information, contact Michael.Niles@asu.edu. Applications due August 31, 2009.

### Internships

The Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program has begun recruiting for 14 paid summer 2009 internships. Internship descriptions can be found at [www.nps.gov/history/crdi/internships/projects09.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/crdi/internships/projects09.htm). For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/history/crdi/internships/fagstudents.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/crdi/internships/fagstudents.htm) or contact turkiya\_lowe@contractor.nps.gov or 202.354.2266. Applications due March 16, 2009.

### Fellowships

Urban Institute/National congress of American Indians Summer Research Fellowship  
[http://www.ncaiprc.org/files/UISA\\_email\\_hand\\_out\\_NCAI.pdf](http://www.ncaiprc.org/files/UISA_email_hand_out_NCAI.pdf)

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## 3. Free Federal and State Income Tax Preparation

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable federal income tax credit eligible to low-income working individuals and families, created to partially balance out the weight of social security taxes and to provide an additional reason for individuals to seek and maintain employment. A taxpayer must meet certain requirements and file a tax return to qualify for the this credit, even if his or her income is below that which mandates filing a tax return. Depending on income, EITC can be worth as much as several thousand dollars, and can boost a family's income by nearly 35 percent. EITC provides more immediate financial assistance to working individuals and families in need than any other effort.

Arizonans are encouraged to take advantage of the special tax credits that may be available to them – even if they don't earn enough money to typically require filing a return. Each tax season, Arizona families miss out on millions of dollars in tax refunds because they are unaware of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs.

VITA programs around the state offer free tax preparation services to individuals and families with low or limited income, individuals with disabilities, senior citizens and military personnel and their families. VITA centers are always looking for additional volunteers.

What Do I need to take to a VITA site?

- √ Picture ID for taxpayer and spouse
- √ Social Security cards or ITIN cards/numbers for all household members
- √ Proof of income, including W-2's and 1099 forms
- √ Name, address and tax ID# of child care provider
- √ Amount of money paid to childcare provider last year
- √ Account and routing numbers for direct deposit
- √ Copy of last year's tax return
- √ If filing jointly, both adults must be present to sign the return.

To find a VITA site, visit the Community Information and Referral (CIR) web site at [www.cir.org](http://www.cir.org) and click on Income Tax Assistance. Or call CIR at 602-263-8856.

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## 4. Help With My Credit Campaign

Trouble paying your credit-card bills? Your card issuer is standing by to help.

Major credit-card companies will launch a Web site and toll-free number today for consumers wrestling with daunting balances.

The "Help With My Credit" campaign comes as the companies deal with mounting losses from defaults on credit-card payments. The venture is being backed by Citigroup Inc., Discover Financial Services, Capital One Financial Corp., Bank of America Corp., Visa Inc. and MasterCard Inc.

"We want to make sure people understand the assistance and options that are available," said Joe Ganley, a spokesman for Help With My Credit.

Callers to 866-941-1030 will be given two options. The first is to be transferred to a customer-service representative at their card issuer. For more complicated cases involving multiple credit cards, callers will be referred to local credit counselors. Depending on the person's situation and the bank, callers might be able to negotiate lower fees, extended payment plans or make other agreements, Ganley said. Such options already exist, but the Help With My Credit campaign is intended make more consumers aware of them.

Visit the website <http://www.helpwithmycredit.org/>

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## 5. Cell Phones for Soldiers

Mission: Help our Troops call home.

Cell Phones for Soldiers hopes to turn old cell phones into more than 12 million minutes of prepaid calling cards for U.S. troops stationed overseas in 2008. To do so, Cell Phones for Soldiers expects to collect 50,000 cell phones each month through a network of more than 3,000 collection sites across the country.

The phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone – enough to provide an hour of talk time to soldiers abroad.

"Americans will replace an estimated 130 million cell phones this year," says Mike Newman, vice president of ReCellular, "with the majority of phones either discarded or stuffed in a drawer. Most people don't realize that the small sacrifice of donating their unwanted phones can have a tremendous benefit for a worthy cause like Cell Phones for Soldiers."

Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist from Norwell, Mass., with \$21 of their own money. Since then, the registered 501c3 non-profit organization has raised almost \$2 million in donations and distributed more than 500,000 prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving overseas.

"Cell Phones for Soldiers started as a small way to show our family's appreciation for the men and women who have sacrificed the day-to-day contact with their own families to serve in the U.S. armed forces," says the teens' father, Bob Bergquist. "Over the past few years, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity of others. But, we have also seen the need to support our troops continue to grow as more troops are sent overseas for longer assignments."

<http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/>

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## 6. Labor and Employment Alert – Retaliation

The Crawford decision clarifies the scope of retaliation claims under the opposition clause, and expands that scope in the Sixth Circuit and those other circuits where active opposition previously had been required. Now all federal courts must apply the Court's expansive interpretation of Title VII retaliation rights as set forth in Crawford.

<http://www.gtlaw.com/NewsEvents/Publications/Alerts?find=dXNlcnBvcnRhbC9mZXRjaC52P19vYmo9dmVfb2lkOnBvaWQ6WjFO2w5TIBsdUtQdEROR29ITIFabk1QdzRKQ21DSkM=>

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## 7. First Nations Development Institute Announces Online Financial Education Curriculum

First Nations Development Institute announced their new online financial education curriculum today at the Native American Finance Officers Association conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The interactive curriculum, targeting Native youth (especially those receiving per capita payments) is part of their larger on-line investor education resource center, the InvestNative website ([www.InvestNative.org](http://www.InvestNative.org)). "There is a great interest in online resources that tribal youth can use regardless of where they live," stated Sarah Dewees, the project manager. "We heard from the groups we work with that there was a need to provide a financial education resource for youth who may not live on the reservation."

"The focus is really on investor education," stated Shawn Spruce, one of the co-authors of the curriculum. "Especially in these difficult market times, it is important for youth to understand the options they have available to them to protect and grow their resources. We talk about different investment vehicles, rates of return, and asset allocation. All the important topics are in there."

The InvestNative website is part of a larger investor education project funded by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The InvestNative website has a whole section dedicated to financial education trainers who are interested in teaching about investing. There is a link to an investor education workbook, a teachers' guide, and an online library of teaching resources such as games, quizzes, and exercises. The youth-oriented online curriculum provides a review of the topics covered in the investor education workbook, and has many interactive exercises and online calculators.

"In this day and age, more and more tribes are requiring that youth take financial education classes before they can receive their per capita payments," stated Michael Roberts, President of First Nations Development Institute. "We are partnering with two tribes to pilot this online curriculum and provide it as a resource for off-reservation tribal youth. This fits squarely within our mission of helping Native communities learn to control their assets." "This is an experiment, and we are learning as we go along," stated Dewees. "We hope to get feedback on the site and we have plans to continually add content. That is the great thing about working on the web."

The InvestNative online curriculum can be accessed at [www.InvestNative.org](http://www.InvestNative.org). First Nations Development Institute is a national Native-led 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to assist Native communities in controlling their assets in ways that fit their cultures.

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#### 8. Professional Women's Roundtable - March 3rd

"Communicating with the Media Using PR"  
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009  
11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM

Location: Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce  
201 N. Central Ave., Ste. 2700, Phoenix, AZ 85004  
(602) 495-6484

Speaker: Ania Kubicki, Angles Public Relations

Ania's Professional Angle: Ania Kubicki is a seasoned PR professional with nearly 15 years of industry experience. Prior to founding ANGLER Public Relations, Ania worked with some of the leading marketing agencies in both New York City and Phoenix, Arizona. She built her public relations expertise working on high profile campaigns with emphasis on economic development, destination marketing, real estate development, brand development for luxury consumer goods and awareness building campaigns for business-to-business solutions and services.

To register please visit

[https://wcws.weblinkconnect.com/WC\\_eCommerce/EventReg/Event\\_Registration.aspx?EventID=2V7S6K1Y&lk=BS4L8V621Q3Q4H576Q664E2N](https://wcws.weblinkconnect.com/WC_eCommerce/EventReg/Event_Registration.aspx?EventID=2V7S6K1Y&lk=BS4L8V621Q3Q4H576Q664E2N)

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#### 9. Arizona Disabilities Expo - March 4th

Be a part of the 7th annual Arizona Disabilities EXPO!

"Your Life, Your Community, Your Future"  
Wednesday, March 4th, 2009

Phoenix Convention Center

- Over 100 Exhibitors
- Demonstrations of Adaptive Sports
- Brandy Liston Awards Honoring Community Leaders
- Randy Werner Award for Excellence
- 2009 keynote speaker, Randall Howe

This year we are honored to have Mr. Randall Howe as our guest speaker. Mr. Howe has faced his own disability challenges – Cerebral Palsy – throughout his life. He graduated from Arizona State University College of Business, Summa Cum Laude, in 1985 and Arizona State University College of Law, Cum Laude, in 1988.

Mr. Howe currently serves as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Appeals Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona. From 2001 to 2008, he was the Chief Counsel of the Criminal Appeals Section of the Arizona Attorney

General's Office, supervising 20 attorneys in Phoenix and Tucson. For the previous 12 years, Mr. Howe served as an attorney first in the Criminal Appeals Section. He has personally represented the State in more than 350 appeals and habeas actions, and has argued more than 70 cases in the Arizona Supreme Court, the Arizona Court of Appeals, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

**\*\*No Fragrances Please.** To accommodate those with allergies, breathing conditions, or multiple sensitivities, the AZ Disabilities Expo is asking that you please do not smoke or wear scented products when attending the Expo. Thank you.\*\*

Registration available at the event or visit [http://www.azdx.com/modules/become\\_a\\_member/index.cfm](http://www.azdx.com/modules/become_a_member/index.cfm)

For more information, please call Susan DeNova at 602.470.1802 ext114

Interpreters are available upon request at the registration table courtesy of the AZ Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ACDHH). Scooters are available if needed courtesy of Southwest Mobility.

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10. Construction Networking Event - March 4th

Sponsored by the City of Phoenix Engineering & Architectural Services (EAS) Department

Wednesday, March 4, 2009  
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sign-in 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
Program 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Networking 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Phoenix City Hall - Assembly Rooms A, B & C  
200 West Washington Street

Admission is Free

To Better Inform Subcontractors of Future Construction Opportunities

Potential Agenda Items  
- MWSBE Program Review  
- Stimulus Package Update  
- MWSBE Program Expectations  
- Networking

RSVP at (602) 495-7274 by Wednesday, March 4, 2009

For more information, contact Mark Escobedo, Management Assistant II, 602 534-2917.

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11. 2009 Youth Career Exploration and Internship Program Pre-proposal Conferences - March 5th

Phoenix Community Development and Investment Corporation (PCDIC) Youth Career Exploration and Internship Program Request for Proposals for 2009-10

The Phoenix Community Development and Investment Corporation (PCDIC) is seeking offers from individuals and community organizations to contract services for the 2009 Youth Career Exploration and Internship Program. Proposals are seeking Youth Career Advocate(s) and one organization to provide educational/employment opportunities for youth between the ages 16-25.

Request for Proposal/Qualification applications will be available beginning February 23, 2009 through March 19, 2009. To be eligible for review, proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 19, 2009 to:

City of Phoenix  
Community and Economic Development Department  
200 W. Washington St, 20th Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85003-1611

Pre-proposal conferences will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009, to answer questions regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Youth Career Advocate(s) and the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Youth Career Exploration and Internship Program. Times and locations are listed below:

Youth Career Advocate(s)  
Phoenix City Hall, 1st Floor - Meeting Room A  
200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85003-1611  
8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Youth Career Exploration and Internship Program  
Phoenix City Hall, 1st Floor - Meeting Room A  
200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85003-1611  
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To obtain the RFQ/RFP for the Youth Career Exploration and Internship Program, please visit the following link:  
<http://phoenix.gov/phxwc/rfpdcdic.html>

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12. Reservation Economic Summit - March 9th-12th

23rd Annual Reservation Economic Summit (RES 2009) & American Indian Business Trade Fair

March 9th-12th, 2009  
Las Vegas Hilton

RES is the premier American Indian economic and business development conference in the nation. Attendees include American Indian and Indigenous entrepreneurs, tribal economic and business development decision-makers, tribal leaders, government and corporate Executives and Buyers seeking Indian suppliers and contractors.

RES is structured as two days of business information and training delivered through sixteen 90-minute sessions that is geared specifically for native entrepreneurs, tribal enterprises, and organizations wishing to do business with American Indian Business Trade Fair. The trade fair provides opportunities for American Indian suppliers to meet corporate and government buyers to market their organizations and companies, network, and negotiate potential contracts.

- RES is:
- The largest and longest running national American Indian business event in the nation.
  - The premier gathering of American Indian and Indigenous Entrepreneurs, tribal entrepreneurs, tribal representatives, corporations and government agencies.
  - An opportunity for networking and business transactions
  - A learning experience in a variety of workshops relevant to doing business in Indian country

Download the conference agenda [http://www.ncaied.org/downloads/RES\\_2009\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www.ncaied.org/downloads/RES_2009_Agenda.pdf)

Download the registration form [http://www.ncaied.org/downloads/res09\\_registration\\_form\\_attendee\\_online.pdf](http://www.ncaied.org/downloads/res09_registration_form_attendee_online.pdf)

For details and more information on RES 2009, please visit our website at [www.ncaied.org](http://www.ncaied.org).

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13. Southwest Build it Green Expo & Conference - March 13th and 14th

March 13th-14th, 2009  
Phoenix Convention Center

The greening of business development, government and consumer products are at an all time high and growing exponentially. Rising energy costs, new laws, and growing demand for environmentally friendly consumer products continue to drive the green marketplace.

The Southwest Build-It-Green Expo & Conference is Arizona's largest green conference with over 500 anticipated exhibitors. The Build-It-Green Expo showcases sustainable products and services impacting every area of life.

More than 2 million potential attendees will be targeted through local TV and cable stations, direct mail, radio, press releases and advertising in other local media, including movie theaters, The Arizona Republic and The Tribune. Outdoor campaigns will feature transit shelters and billboards throughout Maricopa County.

The Southwest Build-It-Green Expo & Conference is targeted to both the commercial and residential building industries.

- Topics covered in the Southwest Build-It-Green Expo & Conference will include:
- Green Awareness

- Solar Power
- Water Efficiency
- Sustainability
- LEED Certification
- Green Return on Investment
- Existing Building Retrofitting
- Commercial Sustainable Product Use

The conference will showcase keynote speakers and educational seminars to help increase individual's "green awareness".

Register online at <http://azbigmedia.com/content/southwest-build-it-green-conference-registration-form>

For more information or to register, contact Tina Robinson, the Southwest Build-It-Green Expo & Conference Exhibit Director, by calling 602-424-8855 or e-mail her at [TRobinson@azbusinessmagazine.com](mailto:TRobinson@azbusinessmagazine.com)

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**14. Cheerios: Nominations Open for Sisters Saving Hearts Award to Honor Community Heart Leaders and Organizations – Deadline: March 15, 2009**

Amount: \$5,000 to benefit the charity of their choice  
 Number of Awards: five individuals or service organizations that have dedicated their time and talents to fight heart disease in their local communities.

Eligibility: Nominees must be at least 18 years of age. Nominations may be made by a friend, family member, colleague, or organization. Self-nominations are also accepted.

Purpose: to honor individuals or service organizations that has made a difference in the African-American community.

<http://www.sisterssavinghearts.com/>

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**15. Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant - Pre application conference March 16th**

The Governor's Office was awarded the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) in October, 2004. The SPF SIG is an infrastructure grant awarded to states from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) and the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to enable them to build sustainable systems at the state and community levels that will prevent and reduce substance abuse. This grant provides funding to support community substance abuse prevention efforts utilizing the Strategic Prevention Framework five-step prevention-planning model.

**What Will This RFGA Fund?**

This RFGA will fund substance abuse prevention efforts for geographical areas that are considered to have a high need for services or prevention efforts but a low capacity to address the needs. The Epidemiological Profile indicates that underage drinking, binge drinking and illicit drug use problems are substantiated in the population that resides within these areas. The Arizona Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) indicates that these areas are high drug traffic locations for drug smugglers and dealers traveling in and out of Phoenix.

**Total Amount of Available Funds.** Based on approval of federal funding, the amount of funding available for this Request for Grant Application is approximately \$1,000,000.00. The average award amount is estimated at \$200,000 per geographical area. Anticipated awards for this cycle of funding will be for one twelve month period to begin July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

**Proposed Timeline**

February 23, 2009 Letter of Intent/Fact Sheet available to the public

March 2, 2009 RFGA available on-line at <http://gocyf.az.gov/Grants/index.asp>

March 16, 2009 Pre-application conference, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm (MST) at the State Capitol, Executive Tower, Grand Canyon Room, 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

April 16, 2009 Proposals due to Governor Brewer's Office for Children, Youth and Families by 3:00 pm (MST)

July 1, 2009 Grant awards become effective

**How to Get a Copy of the RFGA?**

Please visit the following web site on or after March 2, 2009: <http://gocyf.az.gov/Grants/index.asp>. If internet access is unavailable, please submit the Notice of Intent form with your contact information to Sarah Bean at 1700 West Washington, Suite 101, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or by fax to (602) 542-3520.

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**16. East Valley Diversity and Minority Business Breakfast Group - March 19th**

"Relationship Marketing Create A Customer For life"

Thursday, March 19, 2009  
Time: 7:30 - 8:30 AM

Gilbert Career Center - Maricopa Workforce Connections.  
735 N. Gilbert Rd., #134, Gilbert 85234  
(Gilbert Rd. & Guadalupe)  
Conference Room # 5

GUEST SPEAKER - Tim Meuret, President & CEO, BP CLIENT SERVICES

(Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday each month)

For more information, please contact Dr. P.N. Misra at 480.705.4900 or email [wwti@aol.com](mailto:wwti@aol.com)

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17. Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country - March 19th to 20th

March 19-20, 2009

Radisson Ft. McDowell Resort & Casino  
Scottsdale, AZ

This conference will explore and evaluate potential and existing Native American Renewable Energy Projects and discuss the development of energy sufficiency, economic growth and employment in Indian Country. This event will feature panel topics that will:

- discuss federal energy policy and government initiatives
- explore different financing options
- explain risks and obstacles that could arise in developing renewable energy projects

This conference will give Tribal Leaders, economic development directors and energy planners the opportunity to forge new business relationships with energy project analysts, developers, technology providers, financial professionals and regulators who are experienced in this fast-growing industry.

For more information or to register, please visit <http://pierconference.com/event.asp?eventID=33>

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18. Honoring our Warriors Conference - March 19th-21st

March 19th-21st, 2009

Morongo Casino Resort and Spa  
Cabazon, California

Freedom isn't free and no one understands this better than the Veteran who has been on the "frontlines of freedom", ever since this Nation was founded. It is for this very reason that the National American Indian Veterans, Inc. (NAIV, INC) is hosting its third National Annual Conference from 19-21 March 2009 at the Morongo Casino Resort and Spa, Convention Center, Cabazon, California.

The American Indian veteran is the most underserved veteran in the Nation yet serves in the Armed Forces more than any other ethnic group on a per capita basis. It is important that tribal veterans attend this National Conference and participate in discussions that will enhance VA opportunities for themselves and their families.

Participating in this Conference will be key Staff from the Federal VA, the Arizona and California Departments of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Service Organizations and private Companies. Hosting this National American Indian Veterans Conference with NAIV is the Great Morongo Tribe of Cabazon California. NAIV, Inc invites all Veterans from around the Nation, both Tribal and Non-Tribal to attend and participate as well as Alaskan Natives, American Samoa and Hawaii, as well as American Phillipine and Hispanic Veterans. Members of the American Legion, VFW, Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, DAV, Am-Vets, and American GI Forum are also invited to attend.

Sponsorships in support of the "Honoring our Veterans" conference are available.

For more information, please visit <http://www.naivonline.org/?events/> or call 225.686.7627

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## 19. Lost or Losing Your Job-Webinar - March 25th

Of all the Changes we experience in the workplace, job loss is the most devastating. The Change involved in implementing a company wide ERP system, pales next to the harsh reality of Job loss.

This will not be a motivational rah! rah! talk. The reality is that your employment status will be the same after, as it was before, you listen to this webinar. What I'll offer instead of clichés and platitudes are some insights into how we respond to these events, and how we might better deal with the turmoil going on between our ears.

In other words? This webinar will not be about finding employment, but about dealing with the chaos inside so that you're better able to focus on the task that you're really interested in... finding employment.

You can register for this session here: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/819224990>

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## 20. 2009 Spring Civil Rights Forum – April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Presented by: Arizona State University Center for Community Development & Civil Rights

Featuring: John Echohawk, Native American Rights Fund Executive Director. This Spring's Forum panel will be moderated by Horizonte's Jose Cardenas and will include Dr Peterson Zah, Dr Michael Niles, and Raul Yzaguirre.

Friday, April 3, 2009

2:00 p.m. (open seating begins at 1:30)

Location: Main lobby of downtown Phoenix ASU campus, 411 N Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ

A power in the Native American rights movement, Echohawk has long been regarded as one of the foremost litigators in matters of tribal sovereignty and the safeguarding of natural resources and ancestral burial sites. He has also been recognized as one of 100 most influential lawyers in America by the National Law Journal. For more than three decades John Echohawk has spearheaded efforts to protect and advance the rights of Native Americans and has found ways to correct centuries-old injustices.

To RSVP please send an email to [IWillAttend@asu.edu](mailto:IWillAttend@asu.edu)

For more information, please visit <http://cdcr.asu.edu/>

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## 21. Magellan Youth Leaders Inspiring Future Empowerment (MY LIFE) - April 11th

Magellan of Arizona's youth leadership team, MY LIFE, is proud to announce MY FEST 2009!

Saturday, April 11, 2009

Tempe Beach Park

Featuring:

- Live Bands
- Entertainers
- Artists
- Food
- Youth Groups
- Variety of youth-based organizations

MY Fest '09 a free community event that provides at risk youth and families the opportunity to enjoy a great day of music, art and entertainment; while learning about community resources for youth.

MY LIFE is made up of youth between the ages of 13 and 23 who have experience with mental health, substance abuse and/or foster care related issues. My LIFE provides the active voice necessary to improve youth care systems and gives youth the opportunity to use their experience and talent to make positive changes in their lives, while helping others to do the same.

Planned and produced entirely by MY LIFE youth members, MY FEST '09 is an excellent chance to enjoy a fun day in the sun, while learning about opportunities, resources and services available to youth and families. MY FEST 2008 attracted a crowd of over 1200 people, 58 exhibitors, and a diverse mix of amazing entertainment. MY FEST 2009 will be even bigger and better!

For information on having your organization represented at MY FEST 2009, email [MYLIFE@MagellanHealth.com](mailto:MYLIFE@MagellanHealth.com)

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22. TogetherGreen Conservation Leadership Program - Applications Due April 15th

The second year of TogetherGreen, National Audubon Society's newest conservation initiative, is officially underway. We are currently accepting applications for the TogetherGreen Conservation Leadership Program. This program is one key part of a larger initiative aimed to build conservation leadership, engage people in conservation action, and achieve lasting conservation results.

The TogetherGreen Conservation Leadership Initiative is an opportunity for conservation leaders - both established and emerging - to receive \$10,000 to support a conservation project, to find professional development and training opportunities, and to become part of a community of conservation fellows. We are looking for leaders who want to learn across disciplines and work with others to achieve results and engage new audiences in conservation.

Applications are due by April 15, 2009.

Please visit our website at [www.togethergreen.org/fellows](http://www.togethergreen.org/fellows) for detailed program information.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Ferguson at [fellows@togethergreen.org](mailto:fellows@togethergreen.org) or call 202-861-2242 ext. 3046.

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23. Smart Growth Implementation Assistance – Applications Due April 23rd

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance 2009 Request for Applications. The Development, Community, and Environment Division in EPA's Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation is seeking applications for technical assistance from communities that want to incorporate smart growth in their future development to meet environmental and other community goals. Eligible entities are tribal, local, regional, and state governments, and nonprofit organizations that have a demonstrated partnership with a governmental entity. Applications are due at 5:00 pm EST, April 23, 2009.

EPA has identified some key areas in which communities are likely to benefit from technical assistance: Climate change (both mitigation of and adaptation to), Green job development, Corridor redevelopment, Green building development, Suburban retrofitting and Disaster resiliency.

Proposals are not limited to requests for technical assistance in only these thematic areas; other topics for assistance are welcome and encouraged, provided they demonstrate cutting-edge challenges and the possibility of replicable solutions.

EPA is soliciting applications for assistance with either policy analysis or public participatory processes. The type of work may incorporate policy analysis and review, planning and visioning processes, scorecard/ranking criteria development and assessment, and/or other elements pertinent to the role of the applicant.

Selected communities or states will receive assistance in the form of a multi-day visit from a team of experts organized by EPA and other national partners to work with local leaders. EPA plans to assist three to five communities over a period of twelve months. The Agency anticipates announcing the selected communities in fall of 2009. Free technical assistance available!

For more information and application materials, visit [http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/2009\\_sgja\\_rfa.htm](http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/2009_sgja_rfa.htm).

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