



September 25, 2007



Memo: Invitation to the National Conference on Immigrant Integration

Re: State and Local Strategies for Successful Integration of New Americans

Conveners: Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, Office of New Americans Policy & Advocacy, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights, Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants & Refugees, Migration Policy Institute, Brookings Institution, National Association of Latino Elected Officials, Progressive States Network, National League of Cities, CEOs for Cities



As Congress struggles with national immigration policy, cities, counties and states are also dealing with the impact of growing immigrant populations. What can communities do to ensure that these newcomers are well integrated and realize their fullest potential for the benefit of their families and our communities?

Please join us along with other advocates, elected officials, policy makers, and interested funders in Chicago on October 30th and 31st for a practical working meeting: *“For the Benefit of All – a Conference on Immigrant Integration Strategies.”*



Tuesday, October 30, 2007

4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Loyola University Chicago

25 E. Pearson Street

Kasbeer Hall, 15th floor

Chicago, IL 60611



To ensure a working environment, space is limited to 150 participants - please RSVP as soon as possible to Nora Garcia at ngarcia@icirr.org or (312) 332-7360 x. 210. If you would like an invitation sent to someone from your location, please contact Lisa Thakkar, Policy Project Coordinator, at (312) 332-7360 x. 223 or lthakkar@icirr.org.

To cover the costs of the conference, there will be a \$75 registration fee, but scholarships are available. A travel stipend may also be available. More information will be provided if it becomes possible.

For more information on the Illinois project, please visit www.immigrantintegration.org.

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