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New Features

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Hello and welcome to the first issue of *MIAAHC.com News*. We're taking this opportunity to inform you by print media of our intention to have periodic updates regarding the MIAAHC web site and events around Michigan involving MIAAHC. To subscribe to future issues, please click MIAAHCNews@miaahc.org. We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to submit articles and story ideas as well as increase our presence around the state by sharing this information with your affiliates and community groups.

Just this week we launched two new MIAAHC web pages to assist communities and service providers with information regarding Title VI,
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SAVE THE DATE!

MI Response to Hate: Conference is Sept. 12

On September 12, 2008, MIAAHC will again host a statewide hate crimes conference at MSU Kellogg Hotel and Convention Center. This event is free and open to the public with completed registration.

Last year, nearly 350 individuals representing over 200 agencies and occupations attended. Attendees came from as far away as Iowa to hear Mark Potok of *Intelligence Report*, Randy Blazak from the University of Portland, and fifty other experts discuss hate and bias crimes in Michigan as we initiated the *Building United Communities* concept.

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In 2006, Michigan law enforcement recorded 721 bias crime offenses and had contact with 809 victims.

MI Response to Hate: SAVE THE DATE!



**MICHIGAN ALLIANCE
AGAINST HATE CRIMES**

**Friday, September 12, 2008
MSU Kellogg Center
East Lansing, Michigan**

Demographic Data for LEP Analysis

Need training but can't shut down the office? Don't have 30-50 employees in your organization, but are willing to partner with organizations in the community? Then visit the Open Training Request page at www.miaahc.com and submit a request form. It just might be free!

LEP stands for limited English proficiency. If you recently attended one of our Building Cultural Competence workshops, then you know that your agency may have an obligation to persons who do not speak English well or very well as it relates to their gaining *meaningful access* to your programs or services. This obligation may include translation of written documents as well as interpreter services.

As promised, we have assembled various demographic data sources for agencies to use in determining *the number or proportion of LEP persons eligible to be served or likely to be encountered* in the agency's service area. This is the first of four factors used by the U.S. Department of Justice as part of its LEP Analysis under Title VI and Executive Order 13166. To access this and other resources on LEP issues, please visit www.miaahc.com/midemo.aspx for more information.

VOCA Training Calendar

April: Clinton Township – April 9-10 Houghton – April 21-22 Marquette – April 24-25 Cheboygan – April 28-29	May: Flint – May 7 Detroit – May 13-14 Lansing – May 21-22	June: Muskegon – June 5-6 Traverse City – June 18-19	July: Saginaw – July 9-10 Port Huron – July 23-24
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Executive Order 13166 and limited English proficiency (LEP) along with other resources for victims and victim service providers.

Other updates include:

- An updated Crisis Response Team page with an on-line form to submit data regarding bias incidents and hate crimes.
- Our continuation of free Building Cultural Competence (BCC) and Hate Crime 101 (HC101) Trainings under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant in cooperation with the Crime Victim Services Commission at the Michigan Department of Community Health. Details and registration materials are available at the VOCA Training Calendar on www.miaahc.com.
- Development of on-line training services for cultural competence, equal opportunity, sexual harassment and hate crimes are currently under way.

Moreover, don't forget to **register your agency** with the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Resource Directory! It's free and can be accessed nationally by victims and advocates in need of services.



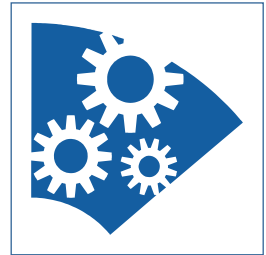
Log on to www.miaahc.com for information or to register for training.

Victim Support Resources

Assembled here, www.miaahc.com/victimsup.aspx you can find resources for victims and victim service providers for dealing not only with hate crimes, but victims in general.

These include:

- ❖ Information on state and federal crime victim notification systems
- ❖ Agencies involved in crime prevention and prevention education
- ❖ Links to national victim advocacy organizations and programs
- ❖ Information on human trafficking and efforts to stop present day slavery
- ❖ Victim brochures can be ordered through the Health Promotions Clearinghouse
- ❖ Want to contribute in your community? Then contact the United Ways of Michigan and through your local 2-1-1 service



If you have tools or resources for victims or victim service providers that you would like linked on our site, send the details to mdcrrt@miaahc.com.

You can reach the Victim Support Sub-Committee at VictimSupport@miaahc.org

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Although we are still in the process of securing presenters, we have no doubt that this year's conference will be as successful as last year. As with last year's conference, we are covering the cost of parking, breakfast and lunch.

We expect the brochures and on-line information to become available within the coming weeks so check back often. Conference suggestions may be submitted to mdcrrt@miaahc.com.



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Things to Watch:

Community Response page

MI Response to Hate

Registration Materials

MIAAHC Membership Drive

On-Line Training (BCC

Plus, Hate Crime 101,

EO/Sexual Harassment)
