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Breaking News from Florida's International Volunteer Agency



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GRENADA TACKLES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Grenada's social service professionals are challenged with domestic violence, just as they are in Florida. Enlisting FAVACA's help to explore techniques successful in the Sunshine State, the Grenada Legal Aid and Counseling Clinic hosted workshops by George Michael Droter, New Smyrna Beach, October 24-28, 2006. The sessions focused on violence prevention, anger, stress, substance abuse, effective communication, role-plays and interactive exercises. Droter is head of the Family Violence Intervention Program and the Teen Offenders Program for the Florida Domestic Abuse Council. The sessions attracted more than 20 participants.

UNIVERSITY OF BELIZE TOUTS QUALITY

As a national institution, the University of Belize (UB) is committed to quality and sustainable development of the country and the region by maximizing human resources. Keys to quality are self-studies and academic reviews. At the request of the University of Belize, Dr. Walter Mercer, professor of education at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, provided training in planning and organizing reviews, protocols for conducting program reviews, developing and implementing survey documents, analyzing data and writing reports, October 21-28, 2006. Mercer, a recognized expert in educational review, consulted with the university president, provost, deans, chairs, directors, faculty members and more than 50 participants from UB's Nursing and Allied Health, Education & Arts, Management and Social Science, and Science and Technology programs.

FIVE CITY WATERBORNE DISEASE INITIATIVE LAUNCHED IN NICARAGUA

Filtration and solar disinfection, anaerobic wastewater treatment, and the protection of source waters are important interventions at well drilling sites, storage tank sites, and landfill sites, in order to control deadly waterborne diseases. Volunteer Sal Arnaldo, a civil engineer with the Tallahassee Water Utility Department addressed these issues October 14-21, at the request of the Nicaragua Resource Development Foundation. Arnaldo conducted training in Managua, Granada, Masaya, Chinandega, and El Viejo. Thirty-one professionals, students, volunteers, and community leaders participated in the training.

NEW FAVACA STAFF

Evans Auguste has accepted the position of International Programs Coordinator in the FAVACA Miami Office. Born in Haiti, and a native Creole speaker, Evans comes to us from World Vision where he was a communications officer and field reporter. He holds a Bachelors degree in Law from Quisqueya University, Haiti, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Communication from Faculty of Applied Linguistics, Haiti.

Chris Beyer joins FAVACA's Tallahassee Office as an International Programs Coordinator. Fluent in Creole, Chris is a former Peace Corps Haiti volunteer and was an International Program Associate with the Pulmonary Hypertension Association in Washington D.C. before joining us. He holds a Masters in Politics and Public Policy from Florida State University and Bachelors in Haitian Studies from the University of Kansas.

NEW MIAMI OFFICE

Our Miami office has moved. We are now at The Atlantic Tower, 7220 NW 36th Street, Suite 535, Miami, Florida 33166, phone: (305) 470-5070. Please join us for our Holiday Open House, Thursday, December 7, from 6-8 pm.

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