

Department of Housing and Community Development
FHIP Agency Initiatives
Presentation to HUD – June FHIP/FHAP Conference

- I. Introduction
 - a. DHCD Mission
 - b. PHIP agency since 2001

- II. Fair Housing program – 2001 – Education and Outreach – Immigrant Communities
 - a. FHIP award FY 2001
 - i. Subrecipients – Partnership with CBO – (CARECEN & Boat People SOS)
 - ii. Target populations - Hispanic and Vietnamese
 - iii. FH brochures – English, Spanish, Vietnamese – community residents are depicted on covers of brochures

 - b. DHCD has produced the fair housing brochures in Chinese (traditional)

 - c. FHIP award FY 2003 –Minority Home Ownership Component
 - i. Subrecipient - CBO
 - ii. Target populations – LEP & minority, workshops in all 8 political subdivisions
 - iii. Brochure – English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese & Amharic

- III. DC Language Access Action Plan (APIA/OLA)
 - a. Translation of Documentation
 - b. Diversification of Workforce
 - c. Multicultural and Cultural Competency Training – (2004 Jan 27th – an on-line diversity course developed for this agency. This was our first step to providing in-house training to staff on diversity issues and the ramification of discrimination.)
 - d. Partnerships: (w/ LEP community CBOs)
 - e. Outreach

- IV. - Mayor’s Language Access Pilot Program - 2002
 - a. Use of Title VI and the 1978 Spanish language Act as platforms.
 - b. Agencies involved – purpose (DOH, DOES, DHCD and DHS) to assess the LEP services provided by various direct services and information based agencies.
 - c. Translation of documentation – DHCD programs (HPAP, SFRRP, TTAP/ HPAP-Step Up, Safe Washington- Lead Assistance Program)

- V. Political Events impacting fair housing: Language Access Act –
 - a. Amendment to Human Rights Act / Oversight
 - b. Platforms: 1976 Spanish Language Act & specifications under Title VI –
 - c. Phase in compliance – 23 agencies