

FREE SERVICES TO HELP YOU BECOME A CITIZEN

YA ES HORA CIUDADANIA CITIZENSHIP DRIVE

Saturday, April 18, 2009
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Mi Casa Resource Center
360 Acoma
Denver, CO 80223

Services include:
Help you verify your eligibility
Assist with the N-400 application
Passport photographs
Review your application for submission

Pre-registration is required. For more information, contact Marisol Bolaños at 303-727-8032.



Ya Es Hora Ciudadania is a historic and comprehensive civic participation campaign that was launched as a community response to the pro-immigrant mobilizations of 2006. The campaign represents the largest coordinated effort to incorporate Latinos as full participants in the American political process. Unlike past approaches, which focused on naturalization, voter registration, or get-out-the-vote drives, this campaign seeks to integrate all these components into a comprehensive civic engagement strategy and under a recognizable action-oriented slogan: *ya es hora*, which translates to “now is the time”. The steering committee organizations include ACORN, Latina Initiative, CIRC, MOP, Mi Familia Vota, and Rights for All People.

This year, Ya Es Hora is organizing a set of four citizenship drives on April 18, 2009. This will be the first year that the Denver Coalition for Integration will join to support this effort. We are excited to bring our unique network to the table for this important event. In order to make it a success, we are asking for broad support from coalition members. Ya Es Hora is excited about the strategic partnership between DCI and the YEH campaign because of the diverse immigrant groups and service providers who have participated in the coalition. “This is a great opportunity to involve refugees and immigrants who speak languages other than Spanish in the drive,” according to Grace Lopez-Ramirez, director of Mi Familia Vota. “We are excited that new volunteers with diverse language skills will be participating,” says Desiree Westlund of Metro Organization for People.

Opportunities for coalition members through this activity include:
Free/low cost assistance for clients to obtain help with their naturalization application. Usually attorney fees for this process range from \$700.00 to \$1,500.00. This workshop has a suggested donation of \$30.00 for clients.
Connections for clients to citizenship classes and community resources.
Opportunity for volunteers to connect to the community and build civic engagement.
An opportunity to spread the word about civic engagement activities of your group with soon-to-be-citizens.

Please contact Marisol Bolanos, the YEH coordinator at 303-727-8032 for registration or to volunteer.