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# ESOL TAPAS

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

## FREE TEACHER RESOURCES!

1. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, (USCIS) has announced that it is offering free copies of the **Civics and Citizenship Toolkit**. The Toolkit includes immigration and civics publications, handbooks, multimedia tools and guidance on how to use these products to help legal permanent residents integrate into their local communities and American society.

One copy can be reserved on a first-come, first served basis through the web at: <http://www.citizenshiptoolkit.gov>. Additional copies are available for purchase through the Government Printing Office at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov> or by calling 1-866-512-1800.

2. CLINIC is pleased to announce their new handbook, *Strategies for Naturalizing the Most Vulnerable Applicants: A Guide to Helping Refugees and Immigrants Who Are Elderly, Disabled, Low-Income, Low-Literate, and Limited English Proficient*. The handbook discusses English exemptions, due consideration, reasonable accommodations, disability waivers, oath waivers, fee waivers, and expedited processing. It contains approximately 30 links to various references and resources, such as USCIS policy guidance and sample letters.

Available at <http://www.cliniclegal.org/Refugee/resources.html>. To request a printed copy, contact Laura Burdick at [lburdick@cliniclegal.org](mailto:lburdick@cliniclegal.org) with your name, organization, and mailing address (limit one per organization, please).

3. **Change Agent - March Issue Available: Democracy In Action**  
[www.nelrc.org/changeagent](http://www.nelrc.org/changeagent)

4. **Ohio Refugee Services Program  
Refugee Handbook**  
<http://jfs.ohio.gov/refugee/countyInfo.stm>

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Alternative Delivery Activity:  
*Do you Speak American?*

ESOL Teacher, Wendy Oliver recently completed the activity and reported, "...We have to position our students to continually expose themselves to the culture in order to stay abreast of the changes. They need to watch TV, read the paper, mingle with native speakers, etc. For both black GED students who need to practice 'standard' American English and for foreign students, immersion in some strata of the dominant culture is really the only way for them to become and remain fluent in American English."

To register visit [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org)



## Poison Prevention

In honor of National Poison Prevention Week, March 16-22, 2008, ProLiteracy has partnered with HSC to provide safety information to adults with limited reading or English language skills. Visit the website at [www.homesafetyliteracyproject.org](http://www.homesafetyliteracyproject.org) to download a variety of safety materials on smoke alarms, escape planning and disaster preparedness. Click on "Resource Center" for more teaching resources including lesson plans, videos and pamphlets in Spanish.

### **REMINDER!**

**OAACE Conference - April 17-18, 2008**

**EL/Civics Meeting - April 17 from 10-12noon**

**Register on the Calendar of Events at [www.ohioable.org](http://www.ohioable.org)**

### *ESOL Question:*

#### **Citizenship**

**What is the cost of a child under the age of 18 filing for citizenship?**

Adults with children (dependents) under 18 need to complete the N-600 (*Recognition of U.S. Citizenship*) form at \$460 for a biological child.

New Fee Schedule: <http://www.uscis.gov/files/nativedocuments/FinalUSCISFeeSchedule052907.pdf>

**Does a child automatically become a citizen when the parent does?**

As long as the appropriate paperwork has been completed, children (dependents) under 18 become citizens after the parent is granted citizenship.

Send your question to [TAPAS@neable.org](mailto:TAPAS@neable.org) and read the answer in the next issue.