



Dear Community / Education Leader,

As part of a national initiative to increase financial aid awareness, the United States Department of Education's Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) is collaborating with the United Way California Capital Region, Sacramento State and Sacramento A.C.T. to provide an in-depth financial aid Roundtable discussion and a financial aid Train-the-Trainer session for community-based and college readiness organizations in the Sacramento area on January 7th. Your organization is invited to benefit from this training.

Representatives from FSA will host an in-depth roundtable discussion for community-based and college readiness organizations to learn what resources the federal government can offer, as well as provide a setting where organizations can share their financial aid awareness successes, their unique perspectives, and best practices.

Secondly, a comprehensive financial aid Train-the-Trainer session will take place, followed by a walkthrough of the federal application known as the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The idea is to train counselors and mentors so that they can provide that same information to their constituents, whereas having a multiplier effect.

No cost involved - High school counselors, community-based and faith-based organizations are encouraged to attend. Space is limited.

Event details:

Date: January 7, 2014 from 10:00am - 12:00pm - Roundtable Discussion (Lunch included**)**

Date: January 7, 2014 from 1:00pm - 3:30pm - Financial Aid & FAFSA Training

**Location: California State University
Sacramento Alumni Center, 6000 J St.,
State University Drive South, Sacramento, CA, 95819**

All events are **free** and open to community-based organizations. **Registration is required.** RSVP by email to richard.blasen@ed.gov or phone at 312-730-1547 by January 3, 2014.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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