

Sunday is the Official Start of the 2011MAFO National Farmworker Conference

In an effort to bring key issues and challenges faced by our community to the forefront,, the 2011 MAFO National Farmworker Conference will commence on Sunday, March 20, 2011. We have witnessed an unprecedented attack targeted at our community. Certainly in 2011, we can expect other significant challenges as well. As a community, we must be poised to understand these issues fully and particularly how to address them. It is with this in mind that we are dedicating a Plenary Session on Immigration and Our Community: an important political issue facing our community and country

Sunday — Town Hall Meeting		Room TBA
	Immigration and Our Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Immigrant Policies and Scope • National and State Initiatives • AgJobs Bill • Questions and Answers 	3: 00 PM – 5:00 PM

Workforce Solutions		
Monday		Room TBA
A1	Community Colleges: A Link for Workforce Solutions	10: 30 AM – 12:00PM
A6	Understanding and Marketing Farmworkers to be Successful.	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
A11	Farmworker Litigation	3:15 PM – 4:45 PM
Tuesday		
B6	National Green Revolution	8:30 AM-10:00 AM
B1	Harnessing Natural Resources For Employment Opportunities	1:30 PM-3:00 PM
B11	Become an Honorary EEOC (unpaid) Investigator	3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

Rural Communities' Issues		
Monday		Room TBA
A2	Preventing Social Security Abuses	10:30 AM – 12:00PM
A7	Emergency Preparedness for Rural Communities and Mobile Populations	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
A12	Immigration Status in the Workplace: The Do's, the Don'ts, and Avoiding Arizona	3:15 PM – 4:45 PM
Tuesday		
B2	Energy Conservation Impacts Everyone	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
B7	Demystifying the Organic Certification Process	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

B12	First Aid for Rural Medical Emergencies	3:15 PM – 4:45 AM
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Education: Issues & Opportunities		
Monday		Room TBA
A3	Educational Internship Opportunities	10: 30 AM – 12:00PM
A8	Innovative Approaches to Adult Education	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
A13	Education Program: Accountability/Performance	3:15 PM – 4:45 PM
Tuesday		
B3	USDA (and other federal agencies) Career Opportunities	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
B8	Linking Program Services Through Dual Enrollment Processes	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
B13	White House Initiatives for Educational Excellence for Hispanics	3:15 PM – 4:45 PM

Rural Development SUMMIT — <i>Farmworkers and Latinos in rural communities are part of vibrant, innovative and regional economies. As community organizations, workforce centers, public, private and other non-profits institutions, how can we capitalize on current rural assets, technological resources and entrepreneurs' opportunities available to us and create rural empowerment zone, nationally. MAFO is poised to address 'building stronger rural communities' nationally through partnerships that will invest in our communities. Addressing long term symptoms facing our communities through the promise of long term and year round rural jobs will impact our communities and revitalize the rural communities.</i>		
Monday		Room TBA
A4	Successful Rural Initiatives	10: 30 AM – 12:00PM
A9	Federal & State Responsibilities for Rural Development	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
A14	Rural Initiatives Round Table Discussions	3:15 PM – 4:45 PM
Tuesday		
B4	Developing Strategic Integrated Regional and National Priorities-Part 1	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
B9	Developing Strategic Integrated Regional and National Priorities-Part 2	1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
B14	USDA Resources: Capacity Building	2:45 PM – 4:15 AM

United State Department of Labor — Monitor Advocate Training		
Monday		
A5	Pre-Filing for Job Orders Lead Person: Francisco Cerda	10: 30 AM – 12:00PM
A10	Agriculture State Plans	1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
A15	H2A Program Enforcement Lead Person: Francisco Cerda	2:45 PM – 4:15 PM
Tuesday		
B5	Agriculture State Plans	8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
B10	H2B Final Rule	1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
B15	Human Trafficking	3:15 PM – 4:45 PM