

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Office of the Director

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Dear Colleagues and Community Partners:

We trust this letter finds you well. There has been much discussion lately regarding the President's economic stimulus package. We are committed to ensuring that the District collectively maximizes its opportunities to improve and enhance the health and well-being of those who live and work here. On behalf of the District of Columbia's Department of Health and Department of Health Care Finance we would like to invite you to attend an information session titled "Accessing Health Related Resources through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)". This public forum is intended to provide guidance to organizations doing business in the District of Columbia regarding eligibility requirements and availability of funds for health related initiatives. Presentations highlighting the US Department of Health and Human Services' proposed ARRA activities and their potential impact on the District of Columbia public health and healthcare system will be followed by an interactive question and answer session. We have also invited members of the District of Columbia Healthcare and Medicaid ARRA workgroups to assist us.

The information session will take place on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Department of Health - 825 North Capitol, Street, N.E., Suite 4131, Washington, DC 20002. The forum is open to the public and to ensure adequate space for hosting this event we ask that you RSVP to Belinda Logan at 202-442-9324 or [belinda.logan@dc.gov](mailto:belinda.logan@dc.gov) by Friday, April 3, 2009. For each attendee we request the following; name, title, affiliation, and email address.

We look forward to working with you in developing and implementing a strategic approach to securing and expending funds in the ARRA with the ultimate goal of improving community health.

Sincerely,

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