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OAXTEPEC REPORT

With this issue, ICA West brings you the report of the conference and global gathering held in Mexico in November. The staff of ICA West welcomes your reaction to the tabloid newspaper format. It has been suggested we might use such a format for INITIATIVES and be able to include more global and national news as well as having space for more in-depth stories concerning our work in the West and Southwest. What do you think about this option? We look forward to hearing from you.

The following is a brief program overview which highlights a few of the activities of ICA West during the winter quarter.

THREE-WAY SEATTLE PARTNERSHIP FORMED

A Washington state advisory commission composed of the Department of Social and Health Services staff who work with foster home and daycare licensors have contracted with ICA West in Seattle. This contract is to develop and pilot a training program for new licensors. A federal grant provided the funds, the advisory commission supplied the information and technical content, and ICA West has provided the facilitation skills and written the curriculum ---- a real partnership! The curriculum is complete and will be tested in a 3-day pilot in February.

CHILEAN STAFF WORK IN SOUTH PHOENIX

Raul Jorquera and Angelica Rodriguez have been conducting community needs surveys in the Nuestro Barrio, and Garfield communities. In home to home visits they have met with hundreds of people in an effort to determine their vision of the future for their communities. This work has been supported on a short term basis by the Wesley Community Center. The great success of their work has lead to the possibility of ongoing support and moving from needs assessment to planning and implementation.

ICA DENVER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HEAD INJURY FOUNDATION

The Colorado Head Injury Foundation (CHIF), was founded to promote the development of rehabilitation services for head injury survivors and support groups for survivors and their families.

ICA West in Denver has been assisting the CHIF as it began building a Survivors Council in an effort to allow survivors the opportunity to play an active role in formulating the policies and program of CHIF.

The role of ICA has been to facilitate participatory planning meetings of this group. The creation of a format for meetings which are structured so as to present all material verbally, graphically and pictorially and to allow times for relaxation to prevent overload and fatigue, has been extremely helpful.

NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM DEVELOPED

In response to an increased demand for ICA West services to Native American communities, we have developed the Native American Program. ICA West sees the development of this program as an opportunity to expand our services. We will continue to provide facilitation, planning and

training services and hope to train a team of Native American facilitators and trainers in order to market our services to Native America across the southwest and beyond. This new program will also work on interchange events such as the Education and Culture conference which is proposed for next year.

ICA West

The Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA) is a global network linking 18 major centers and over 50 offices in research, training and demonstration of global responsibility in the local community and workplace. Within the multitude of programs the ICA is doing, there is a common thread -- the desire to release the creativity of people that allows them to shape their own destiny.

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