

Happy New Year!

At the Village Exchange Center, we are welcoming in 2018 with a full schedule of programming and events! We would also like to introduce you to our monthly newsletter The Exchange, which provides information about programming & classes, community events, job announcements, service providers, and how you can support our work in the community. We are excited to announce that we

have partnered with the Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC) to provide a full schedule of English and Citizenship classes. We invite you to browse our list of programs and events for January 2018 and learn a little more about what the Village Exchange Center is and what we do. In Support and Exchange,

The Village Exchange Center Team



Upcoming Events at VEC *Adult Education*

Registration for APDC Citizenship and ESL

What: Registration includes taking a placement exam and meeting individually with an instructor. The placement test is timed so students must arrive at the beginning of the registration session and stay the full 2.5-3 hours in order to be placed in a class. English Classes are 10 weeks and cost \$25 plus \$20 for books. Citizenship class is free.

When: Jan 9th 6:00pm-9:00pm, Jan 10th 9:00am – 12:00pm

Email: michaelyr@apdc.org

Phone: (303)923-2924

Where: 1609 Havana St. Aurora CO 80010

Room: Classroom 17

Host Org(s): Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC)

Registration for Focus Points English Language Acquisition Classes

What: Registration Fee is \$30 plus an addition \$10 book fee. Childcare is available for \$10 per child. Payment plans are available.

When: Wednesday Jan 10th and Thursday Jan 11th, 9:15a, - 12:15pm

Phone: (303)292-0770 Ext. 147

Where: 1085 Peoria St. Aurora CO 80011

Host Org(s): Focus Points Family Resource Center

Citizenship Class with APDC

What: Citizenship class, students must register with APDC on either of the two registration days (see above).

When: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:00-11:00am

Email: michaelyr@apdc.org

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St. Aurora CO 80010

Room: Classroom 17

Host Org(s): Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC)

Citizenship Class with CAO

What: Citizenship class, students must register with CAO.

When: Saturday, 9:00-11:00am

Phone: (303) 953-7060

Where: 1609 Havana St. Aurora CO 80010

Room: Classroom 17

Host Org(s): Colorado African Organization (CAO)

Computer Lab Open Hours

What: Computer Lab is open to adults for computer literacy training and job search support.

When: Tuesday, 11:00am – 12:30pm

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St. Aurora CO 80010

Room: Basement Computer Lab

Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center (VEC)

Beginning ESL Class with APDC

What: English as a second language class, students must register with APDC on either of the two registration days.

When: Monday-Wednesday, 9:00-11:00am

Email: michaelyr@apdc.org

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St. Aurora CO 80010

Room: Classroom 17

Host Org(s): Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC)

Low-Intermediate ESL Class with APDC

What: English as a second language class, students must register with APDC on either of the two registration days.

When: Monday-Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Email: michaelyr@apdc.org

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St. Aurora CO 80010

Host Org(s): Asian Pacific Development Center (APDC)

English Language Acquisition with Focus Points

What: This is a five week English Language class offered twice a week. You must register on either of the two registration days.

When: Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30am – 11:30am or 12:00pm – 3:00pm (times depend on ability level)

Phone: (303)292-0770 Ext. 147

Where: 1085 Peoria St. Aurora CO 80011

Host Org(s): Focus Points Family Resource Center

English Conversation Classes

What: Supplemental class to improve conversation and speaking skills, call the phone number to register.

When: Monday, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Phone: (303)365-3105

Email: di_ots@hotmail.com

Where: 1609 Havana St. Aurora CO 80010

Room: Martin Luther King Room

Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center (VEC)



Upcoming Events at VEC *Community Support Services*

Community Care – Drop-In Hours

What: The Village Exchange Center's Director of Multi-Faith Services provides a safe space where all are welcome to come for support, companionship, an open ear, and spiritual guidance to help with community needs and concerns.

When: Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00pm – 5:00pm

Email: marcel@villageexchangecenter.org

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St. Aurora CO 80010

Room: Front Office

Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center (VEC)

Family Health Night

What: Twice a month VEC will host an educational night about healthy living in the US. Resources and education will be provided to help you provide a healthy and happy life for your family.

When: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the Month. (Jan 10 & Jan 24th), 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St. Aurora CO 80010

Room: Martin Luther King Room

Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center (VEC), Women Infants and Children (WIC), and Tri-County Health

Immigration Clinic

What: Matthew Shaftel, a local immigration lawyer, will be running a free clinic at VEC about need to know information regarding immigration in the US.

When: Wednesday, Jan 31st at 6:30pm

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St. Aurora CO 80010

Room: Martin Luther King Room

Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center

Immigration Consultations

What: Our Deputy Director of Services is available to support with immigration questions from visas, to bringing family to the US, to questions of legal status.

When: Tuesdays by appointment only

Email: lara@villageexchangecenter.org

Phone: (720) 668-9968

Where: 1609 Havana St. Aurora CO 80010

Room: Front Office

Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center

Diabetes Prevention Program (in Spanish)

What: Weekly course in Diabetes prevention and wellness taught in Spanish. Call or email to register.

When: Tuesdays at 11 am, classes begin January 30th 2018

Email: lmendivil@denverymca.org

Phone: (303) 591-5685

Where: 1609 Havana St. Aurora CO 80010

Room: Martin Luther King Room

Host Org(s): YMCA

YOUTH SERVICES

International Afterschool Program

What: An afterschool wellness program with games, tutoring and homework help, karate, and more! Snacks included!

When: Monday – Thursday, 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Email: amy@villageexchangecenter.org

Phone: Amy (510)717-6720

Where: 1609 Havana St Aurora CO 80010

Room: Basement Multipurpose Room

Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center (VEC)

Winter Break Kids Program

What: Join Aurora Mental Health and the Village Exchange Center for two days of crafts, snacks and games! Day 1 is Hot Cocoa and Crafts. Day 2 is board games, card games & a soccer match! Snacks included!

When: Jan 3 & Jan 4, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Email: amy@villageexchangecenter.org

Phone: Amy (510)717-6720 or Gabi (303)739-1583

Where: 1609 Havana St Aurora CO 80010

Room: Basement Multipurpose Rooms

Host Org(s): Village Exchange Center (VEC) and Aurora Mental Health

VEC Frequently Asked Questions:

• What is the Village Exchange Center (VEC)?

VEC is both a non-profit organization and a community center serving the Denver and Aurora refugee and immigrant communities. As a non-profit we create and host programs that benefit the needs of the community. As a community center we provide offices, worship space, community rooms, and a computer lab for use by community members and non-profit organizations.

• Who uses the Village Exchange Center building?

We are a co-located community center, which means our building is inhabited by many groups who share common goals. VEC and other non-profit groups have office space in our center and work together to support newly arrived communities in the Aurora and Denver area. We also rent space to different religious groups to practice their faith and to cultural groups for celebrations and events.

• Is The Village Exchange Center a church?

No, we are a nonreligious community center, BUT the building was previously a church. Although VEC is not faith based, we welcome all faiths in our community center. Currently, we have multiple congregations of different backgrounds using our building for religious services.

• What programs are specifically run by VEC?

Currently we have an after-school Youth Wellness Program, running Monday through Thursday from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. This program caters to middle school youth from immigrant backgrounds. We also run the Natural Helpers Program, in partnership with the City of Aurora. This program provides training and support to community leaders and volunteers who help immigrants and refugees navigate life in their new home. This program is also hosted in our building.

In January 2018, we are launching several new services for the community, including a weekly immigration clinic, immigration consultations, Community-care drop in hours and family health-education nights.

• Can I rent space at Village Exchange Center?

Yes, we have office space, classrooms, a sanctuary/chapel and community rooms for rent. We rent to non-profits looking for an office, to community members in need of a place to host an event, and congregations of any faith looking for a place of worship.

