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Dear Affiliate:

WORKER PEER COUNSELOR TRAINING TO ADDRESS JOB RETENTION, JOB TRANSITION, LAYOFFS, AND PLANT CLOSINGS Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, April 24, 25 & 26, 2007 at Rutgers Labor Center


American workers continue to be vulnerable to the effects of global economic trends and technological advancements. The New Jersey State AFL-CIO, in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, provides the Labor Employment Action Project (LEAP) to enable New Jersey's unions to work pro-actively in this rapidly changing environment. LEAP addresses the serious challenges of mass layoffs and plant closings, as well as the important opportunities provided by life-long learning, New Jersey's One Stop Career Centers, and other valuable services.

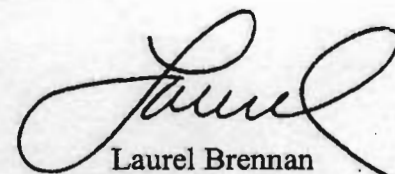
A key component of LEAP is the Peer Counselor Train-the-Trainer program, which is being conducted April 24, 25 & 26, 2007, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, at Rutgers Labor Center in New Brunswick. Over 400 union leaders and members have participated in our LEAP training, and thousands of union members have benefited from the assistance Peer Counselors provided.

There is no charge for the LEAP Peer Counselor Training program and there are funds available to reimburse attendees for lost wages (up to \$200 maximum per day.) We encourage you to participate in this important training opportunity. Enclosed for your convenience is the LEAP Brochure detailing all the services and a LEAP Course application form.

For further information or to register for the Peer Counseling course, please contact LEAP Coordinator, Nancy Miller, at (973) 614-0049 or nmiller@njaficio.org.

In Solidarity,


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