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### **Mi Casa, CWEE, Emily Griffith Host Networking Event for Displaced Workers**

March 23, 2010 (DENVER) – Join three of the strongest non-profits helping put Denver residents back to work as we help our career training students acquire the networking skills they need to be successful! Mi Casa Resource Center, Center for Work Education and Employment (CWEE), and Emily Griffith Opportunity School will host a networking event for career seekers **TODAY, March 23 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Lodo’s Bar & Grill**. Our career seekers – many of them with limited skills and education – are new to or re-entering the workforce. More than 50 job seekers from Mi Casa, CWEE and Emily Griffith will attend today’s event to meet local employers, practice marketing themselves for career opportunities, and improve that oh-so-crucial job seeker skill - networking.

For employers, this is a fantastic opportunity to identify qualified candidates, learn about tax incentives for hiring low-income and/or unemployed workers, set up interviews, and collect copies of resumes and cover letters – at no cost! For employers who have sent Mi Casa job descriptions in advance, potential candidates have been identified and will be on hand to meet with and provide more information to their prospective employers. Many of these candidates are bilingual and will have passed the CareerReady Colorado employment readiness test!

#### Here’s how today’s networking event works:

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.: General networking for job seekers and local employers.

4 p.m. – 5 p.m.: Employer and nonprofit reception/feedback session – employers will have the opportunity to learn about each agency and their workforce development programs. Feedback from employers will help us improve our career seekers' chances of finding meaningful work. This is a great chance to explore how for-profit and nonprofit organizations can partner to achieve positive outcomes for our community

Tea, soda, and light appetizers will be provided. The press is welcome to attend this event.

“Ultimately our participants need more practice introducing themselves to strangers, talking about their qualifications, asking appropriate questions of employers/professionals and carrying on a conversation,” says Meredith Roach, Mi Casa’s Director of Career Development. “Hopefully the event will lead to employment for someone, but the experience is invaluable.”

Mi Casa offers sector-focused career training programs to help workers with limited skills and education to begin a career in one of three high-growth industries: Green Energy & Construction, Multicultural Financial Services, and Health Care Support. For more information, please visit our website [www.MiCasaResourceCenter.org](http://www.MiCasaResourceCenter.org).