



## **PARSA CF NGO Capacity-Building Series: Working with K-12 Schools for Persian Culture and Education**

Dear Friends,

The job of a community foundation is to strengthen NGOs in the communities in which they work. As such, PARSA Community Foundation invites you to the second of a new workshop series designed to help provide resources and information to Iranian-American nonprofit and non-governmental organizations. The purpose of the series is to help strengthen each organization and to create a cohesive group of nonprofits working together to empower our communities.

When: Friday, September 18th, 12-1pm PST

What: NGO Capacity Building Workshop by Conference Call

Topic: Working with K-12 Schools for Persian Culture and Education

Who: Iranian-American NGOs

Cost: Free

### **This Topic:**

Iranian-Americans are deeply committed to education - for our children as well as for everyone in our communities. In America, public and private schools alike provide a place for children to learn about their own and other cultures, promoting tolerance and cultural understanding. At the same time, Iranian-Americans have developed their own community and educational institutions, such as cultural centers and Persian language schools. This workshop shares strategies and lessons for how Iranian-Americans can partner with schools in their community for the benefit of Iranian-American and all children.

## **Speakers:**

**Hoori Ghahremani, President, Khayam Persian School** - Based in Irvine, CA, Khayam Persian School has been leading a number of innovative partnerships with the local public schools in Irvine, including the Teacher Workshop which provided instruction on Persian culture and history to public school teachers and Afterschool Classroom Enrichment through which Persian is taught as part of public school programs. These projects reflect a commitment from Khayam to extend its impact beyond its own Farsi classes, but also to partner with the larger public education system. Khayam Persian School is a PARSA CF grantee.

**Ali Sadr, Principal, Iranian School of San Diego, part of Persian Cultural Center** - The Iranian School of San Diego has developed a model through which students taking Persian classes earn credit and recognition for their Persian toward eligibility for admission to the California State University and University of California. This is only possible through a partnership between the Iranian School and the San Diego public school district. Persian Cultural Center is a PARSA CF grantee.

The workshop will include welcoming remarks, presentations by the two panelists, and opportunity for question and answer from call participants. We also invite others who are involved in outreach to schools - whether informal such as parents organizing Norooz education or formal through partnerships - to join the call to share their experiences.

## **Who Can Participate:**

The call is open to representatives from Iranian-American nonprofit and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), including:

- \* Cultural and community centers
- \* Student organizations
- \* Arts, education and media groups
- \* Groups involved in civic participation

We also welcome representatives from American schools, museums, universities or other non-profits involved in Persian culture or Iranian-American issues. Calls are open regardless of whether you are a PARSA

CF grantee or not, past or present.

To RSVP and to receive call-in information, please write to [events@parsacf.org](mailto:events@parsacf.org). Space is limited.

Save the Date (please hold until further confirmation):

November 20, 12 pm PST - Applying for Grants to Persian and American Foundations

January 15, 12 pm PST - Educating the Community About the U.S. Census

If you have a suggestion for a future workshop topic, please write to PARSA CF Education Committee Chair, Abdi Soltani at [asoltani@aclunc.org](mailto:asoltani@aclunc.org).

Yours sincerely,

The PARSA CF Team