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FREE Get Ready! Preparedness Fair – Thursday, May 26th, Oakland Coliseum

Learn FAST, FUN, EASY emergency preparedness skills & meet disaster response agencies and vendors!

Oakland, CA – May 25, 2011: Everyone is invited on **Thursday, May 26, 2011** (between 10am–3pm) to the *Get Ready!* Public Emergency Preparedness Fair held at the Oakland Coliseum (7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland; BART accessible, Coliseum Station). The fair will include raffles, gifts, trainings, vendors and demonstrations! There will also be information on volunteer opportunities as well as FREE Whooping Cough Vaccinations while supplies last.

CARD - Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters - will be holding onsite preparedness trainings on their SKIP (**S**afety **K**ept **I**n **P**lace) Kits. SKIP Kits are made from inexpensive, everyday objects that can serve as powerful preparedness tools in the event of a disaster. The first 1,000 people to complete the short training will receive a *FREE* SKIP Kit. CARD trainings will be given in English, Spanish and ASL (American Sign Language).

“Everyone is invited to CARD’s area. We’ll have giveaways such as Potty Posters, wallet cards, and candy. Our trainings will show people how creative they can be AND that they are more prepared than they think. This is the fun part of preparedness!” says Âna-Marie Jones, Executive Director, CARD.

This event is organized by the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD). For more information on the Public Emergency Preparedness Fair, please contact Zerlyn Ladua at 510-208-5962 or Zerlyn.ladua@acgov.org or visit www.ACPHD.org.

Other *Get Ready!* Preparedness Fair participants include the American Red Cross and the ACPHD iWHACK Germs program.

For info on CARD’s trainings and alternatives to traditional emergency preparedness, please contact Âna-Marie Jones at 510-451-3140 or AMJ@CARDcanhelp.org. More info and giveaways will be offered on: www.Facebook.com/CARDcanhelp ~ <http://CARDcanhelp.org/Blog> ~ www.Twitter.com/CARDcanhelp

CARD was created after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake by local nonprofits to address the preparedness and response needs of agencies serving vulnerable consumers. CARD has created an alternative curriculum and a fear-free approach to fit the cultures, structures and budgets of the nonprofit sector.

CARD's work to prepare nonprofits and vulnerable communities is made possible by: Alameda County Public Health Department, Alameda County OES, United Way of the Bay Area, Walter and Elise Haas Fund, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, City of Oakland, San Francisco Foundation, and many individual nonprofit agencies.

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