

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION (MAA) INITIATIVE FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES

PURPOSE: The program strengthens support for refugees and their families through Mutual Assistance Association (MAA) networks.

Lao Family Community Development provides pass through funding to the following MAAs: the Cambodian MAA, which networks with organized groups including churches, temples and apartment complexes; the Slavic MAA, which networks with churches and provides training for individuals and couples to expand the MAA network; the Lao Mien MAA, which works in senior citizen centers, temples and at community events, and provides training for college interns to serve the interests of the Latino community, and the Vietnamese MAA, which provides training for new members contacted at Asian New Year celebrations.

Boat People SOS provides marriage enrichment training primarily to S.E. Asian refugees and uses PREP as its model. They currently operate sites in Orange County, CA; Louisville, KY; Raleigh, NC; Atlanta, GA; Philadelphia, PA; and St. Louis, MO.

GRANT RECIPIENT(S): Boat People SOS and Lao Family Community Development, Inc.

PROJECT PERIOD: October 1, 2003 to September 29, 2006

PROJECT FUNDING: \$200,000 to each grant recipient.