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## STIMULUS PAYMENT

Do you want to bring more money into your pocket and contribute to building the economy? File your 2007 tax return and you might be one of over 130 million Americans eligible for an economic stimulus payment.

You are eligible for a payment if you have \$3,000 or more in qualifying income. If you qualify, you will receive a payment of \$300 (\$600 if married filing jointly). You will also receive an additional payment of \$300 for each qualifying child.

To receive a payment in 2008 you have to file a 2007 tax return, even if you aren't normally required to file. This includes low-income workers, Social Security beneficiaries, and those who receive certain benefits from the Veterans Administration.

Once you have filed a 2007 tax return, you do not have to do anything more to receive your economic stimulus payment. The IRS will determine eligibility, figure the amount, and send you the payment.

To learn more visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call the IRS hotline at 1-866-234-2942. You can also visit [www.nyc.gov/accessnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/accessnyc) to find a location for a free tax preparation site near you.

## HHS-Connect

### Health and Human Services-Connect Improving Access to Human Services

ACCESS NYC is proud to be the first program that is part of Health and Human Services Connect (**HHS-Connect**), the City's new initiative to utilize ground-breaking and innovative technologies to improve the City's ability to serve its Health and Human Service clients while providing better customer service and online access.

In his 2008 State of the City Address, Mayor

Michael R. Bloomberg announced the launch of the HHS-Connect project: "This year, in a first for any municipal government, we will link the computer systems at more than a dozen City agencies, so that they can share client information without compromising confidentiality."

As a result of the HHS-Connect initiative New Yorkers will one day be able to provide their information to the City once and subsequently it will be accessed and re-used by agencies. Additional information will be collected on an as-needed basis, and will be included in a virtual integrated case file,

which clients will be able access and update through an online portal. This will not only improve the lives of New Yorkers, it will also reduce the burden

on caseworkers, enabling them to spend more time with clients and less time pushing paperwork and entering data into various State and City systems.

**HHS-Connect** is a solution to "connect the dots" between clients, agencies, and providers.

Building on the success of ACCESS NYC, the City will create the ability for clients to apply online for programs and to view and manage their own information.

HHS-Connect will allow agencies to measure outcomes based on a holistic view of clients across agencies and to allocate resources based on need. Caseworkers will have a comprehensive view of the services that a client receives across programs, with legal and privacy boundaries.



# ACCESS NYC

## Citywide Training

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Back by popular demand, ACCESS NYC is conducting a second round of citywide training sessions on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. As with all of our training activities, these sessions are FREE.

This is a great opportunity for any organization that would like to learn more about ACCESS NYC. Last year's participants came from a variety of organizations that provide a broad range of services and included staff from community and faith based organizations as well as City agencies. We welcome the attendance of staff from any organization that would like to

be able empower their clients with customized benefit information.

The training sessions are conducted in 2 hour time frames and include a general overview of ACCESS NYC, a guided hands-on demonstration, and the opportunity to use the website independently with an ACCESS NYC expert available to answer questions. All participants will receive a packet of supporting materials to help them use and promote ACCESS NYC.

To register for this event, or to get more information, please contact Sarah Galena at [sgalena@hhsconnect.nyc.gov](mailto:sgalena@hhsconnect.nyc.gov).

### REGISTER TODAY!

**To Register:** email [sgalena@hhsconnect.nyc.gov](mailto:sgalena@hhsconnect.nyc.gov)

Subject: Training

Include your name, email, agency, title, and phone number. Indicate the date and time you want to attend.

**Dates:** March 24  
or  
March 27

**Times:** 9:30 am  
or  
12 noon  
or  
2:30 pm

Place: 2 Washington St. 21 Floor  
New York, NY

## HHS-Connect...

“Both families and front-line caseworkers can share their frustration in having to re-tell their stories over and over again and in not having access to comprehensive information on household makeup and need. Creating accounts that clients can manage and workers can access is a win-win-win for clients, workers, and taxpayers.”

*Jennifer March-Joly, Citizens Committee for Children*

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Caseworkers at external providers or community based organizations will be able to refer cases to the City electronically and vice-versa. Two way secure online communication will replace informal, slower and less secure communication that exists today.

This ambitious vision for transformative change will be led by Kamal Bherwani who will serve as the Chief Information Officer for Health and Human Services and Executive Director of HHS-Connect. Kamal has a widely respected reputation and a proven track record as an

IT innovator in both the public and private sectors. His career in technology spans over 20 years in the fields of public health, financial, housing, energy, construction, and marketing.

Kamal has served as Chief Information Officer (CIO) of multi-billion dollar enterprises, both in the public and private sectors, and has served as a member of the Board (CEO, Chairman and Vice-Chairman levels) of several non-profit, technology, and investment organizations. Prior to joining the HHS-Connect team, Kamal was the CIO & Associate Commissioner for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH).

### Contact ACCESS NYC for Free Training

Visit ACCESS NYC on the web at [www.nyc.gov/accessnyc](http://www.nyc.gov/accessnyc).

Call 311 with questions about using the program.

E-mail Sabrina Smith-Sweeney ([ssmith-sweeney@hhsconnect.nyc.gov](mailto:ssmith-sweeney@hhsconnect.nyc.gov)) for information on trainings and help with adding a link to ACCESS NYC to your website.



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