NORTHWEST CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL'S 2014 PEER/UNION COUNSELING PROGRAM

A Ten-Week Training Course to Help People with Information & Referral

Need Help?

Everyone has problems in their life at some time. With the sluggish economy, more people live from paycheck to paycheck and worry about their jobs, rent, having utilities disconnected, keeping food on the table, etc. Knowing where to get help and showing others how to "*plug into the system*" by utilizing local, state & federal services, is an important skill that can help people with critical needs.

Peer/Union Counseling

The Peer/Union Counseling Program teaches interested persons about the human service programs available in the community and how to use them. Participants learn how to listen & communicate with others, evaluate problems and make referrals to community agencies where assistance is available.

Everyone Invited

This program is open to everyone! The main reason for enrolling is a desire to help others (and perhaps yourself) and an interest in learning about the *what*, where and how of community resources.

<u>Sponsors</u>

The **Northwest Central Labor Council**, in cooperation with United Way of Greater Lafayette, makes this opportunity available so people know what help is available in their community. Hundreds of people have been trained over the years and serve in their workplaces and agencies as information and referral agents. (In union shops these graduates are called "Union Counselors")



Program Information

Classes begin January 15th and run from 6:00 - 9:00 pm on consecutive Wednesday evenings for ten weeks. Cost is only \$50.00. Classes meet at various agencies and union halls. Guest speakers are professionals and service providers from local agencies.

First Class

Date: January 15, 2014 Time: 6-9 pm Place: IBEW Local #668 2535 S. 30th Street Lafayette, IN

A complete schedule with topics dates and class Locations will be available at the first class session on January **15th**



<u>Topics</u>

Wednesday Evening Classes

Peer Referral & Listening Emergency Services (Housing, food & utilities) Domestic Violence, Children Rights (UN)Employment & Job Skills Adult Education Financial & Budget, Credit Emergency Preparedness Legal Programs & Services Foreclosure Prevention/Programs and Rights State Assistance/Food Advocacy & Change

- Area IV Programs
- POVERTY SIMULATION Workshop

Saturday Class (Optional)

Workers Compensation

The registration fee is \$50.00 and includes all materials and graduation banquet ticket. For enrollment or more information. <u>Contact your un-</u> ion or call *Earl Cox at 765-742-9077, ext. 231*.

Pre-Registration Required!

<u>Please make checks payable to the Northwest Central Labor Council and mail</u> to:

Peer/Union Counseling Program United Way of Greater Lafayette Attn: Earl Cox, AFL-CIO Community Service Liaison 1114 East State Street #200 Lafayette, IN 47905-1219