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## Calling all HIV/AIDS prevention and care service providers!

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Free community-based organizational HIV/AIDS training sponsored by the *National Minority AIDS Council*. Enhance your skills through the following KIC Regional Training workshops:

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- Fiscal Management
- Grant Writing
- HIV Treatment Update
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These training sessions are designed to accommodate your busy schedule, offering you a choice of attending from one day of training to all five days of the program.

**Register online today at [www.nmac.org](http://www.nmac.org) or email us at [kictraining@nmac.org](mailto:kictraining@nmac.org). You can also reach us by calling (202) 483-6622.**

## ACLU Inaugural Membership Conference in DC

by Anthony Romero

WASHINGTON, DC — The government is resorting to detentions, deportations and other tactics reminiscent of the Palmer Raid period that led to the ACLU's founding 83 years ago.

New approaches are required. I want to tell you about an exciting initiative and its opportunities for you as a concerned individual.

In less than two months, ACLU members and activists from across the country will converge on Washington, DC, for four days of critical debate and conversations with high-level decision-makers, highlighted by the ACLU's first-ever lobby day.

This event, the ACLU's Inaugural Membership Conference, is designed to remind our political leaders that Americans of all backgrounds and from all regions believe that keeping us free is as important as making us safe.

This will be an exciting opportunity for you to lobby your Members of Congress and help shape policy. Your faxes to Congress have made a difference. Attending this conference is a great way for you to take your activism to the next level. You will have an amazing opportunity to meet like-minded activists from across the country and exchange ideas, strategies and experience.

One day of the conference will be spent at the ACLU's first-ever lobby day on Capitol Hill, bringing civil liberties concerns directly to Members of Congress and their staffs. A training session will explain how to make the case and become even more effective participants in the nation's democratic process.

Following the lobby day, the ACLU takes the debate into point-counter-point plenary sessions with important officials and pundits representing the Administration's approaches to the balance between security and liberty.

Throughout the Conference, workshops and other sessions will help sharpen our knowledge of key issues such as racial profiling and the treatment of Arabs and Muslims in America, data mining and data surveillance, lesbian and gay rights, reproductive freedom and the ill-conceived drug policy.

There will also be special youth programs for participants between the ages of 16 and 27 are eligible.

Today, ACLU stands at the very center of the American purpose. And for four days in June, at the Inaugural Membership Conference, there will be unprecedented opportunity to communicate that message to our leaders and to our fellow citizens.

This is our time. This is your meeting. As the Conference headline urges: *Stand up for freedom*. Because freedom can't protect itself.

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