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Media Alert: Chief Tan Gives Keynote Address to ACF Leadership Forum

Earlier today, National Commission on Children and Disasters Commissioner, Chief Lawrence “Larry” Tan provided the keynote presentation to the Administration on Children and Families (ACF) Tri-Regional Human Services and Disasters Virtual Leadership Forum.

This online virtual leadership forum is held for one day to promote September 2009 as National Preparedness Month and spotlight upcoming activities on the President’s National Day of Service (9/11/09). The event is an integral part of the regional strategy to strengthen coordination among emergency responders and human service providers in hurricane-prone regions, and to promote a focused strategy in achieving effective response and efficient recovery for vulnerable populations.

Chief Tan’s keynote presentation highlighted recommendations in the Commission’s Interim Report to the President and Congress due in October 2009. Chief Tan also emphasized the important role ACF grantees and stakeholders have when incorporating children’s unique needs into all phases of emergency planning, response, and recovery.

To view Chief Tan’s biography [click here](#).

For additional details on today’s keynote presentation or to schedule an interview contact Vinnie Mascarenhas at vincipia.mascarenhas@acf.hhs.gov or (202) 401-9392.

Note: Recommendations included in the Commission’s October 2009 Interim Report will be considered and voted upon at the September 15, 2009 public meeting. For public meeting details and registration [click here](#).

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