

# Eye on ECHO

ECHO Minnesota's Monthly Newsletter



September 2011



## 2011 Programming Survey Results

Immigrant and refugee families and individuals are faced with a number of challenges when they come to the United States. The word cloud above depicts the most popular answers the respondents to our survey wrote in to the question "What did you struggle with when you came to the U.S.?"

ECHO works hard to give New Americans the information they need to overcome these struggles and be successful in Minnesota.

The results of the survey gave ECHO feedback on what key health, safety, emergency, and civic topics community members and service providers found important. The results of the survey are used to guide ECHO's programming and outreach activities for the coming year and are written in to grants and funding requests. View the results [here](#).

## RSVP Now for ECHO's 3rd annual breakfast panel discussion - "The New American Vote"

Join us for a dynamic panel discussion by government and ethnic community leaders about the power of the new American vote and what it means for politics in Minnesota and the nation.

Discussion moderator, **Robyne Robinson**, is an award-winning television journalist, entrepreneur, and dedicated community member who serves on many nonprofit boards.



### September on ECHO TV

Check the *tptMN* and *tptLIFE* channels, [PBS Listings](#), or watch online by clicking the links below.

[Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarms](#) (8 languages)  
[Community Strength and Preparedness](#) (4 languages)  
[Seasonal and Pandemic Flu](#) (7 languages)



### September on ECHO Phone (888.883.8831, 10 languages)

[Understanding Vaccines](#)  
[Emergency Go Kit](#)

## September is Nat'l Preparedness Month

ECHO has prepared a 30-minute television program entitled "Community Strength and Preparedness" and it will be broadcasted on Tpt's Minnesota Channel. This program explains how small preparation can go

Panelist include:

- **Mark Ritchie**, Minnesota Secretary of State
- **Hussein Samatar**, ED, African Development Center and Minneapolis School Board Member
- **Ron Lezama**, Chairman, Latino Economic Development Center, Co-Founder Hispanic/Latino Caucus of MN, and Consultant, Governance Risk and Compliance
- **John Keller**, ED, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota

The event will be held at the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Parkway North, St. Paul, on Wednesday, October 26 from 7-9 a.m. Free parking and complimentary breakfast are included.

RSVP is required. [Click here](#) to RSVP or call 651.789.4337.

## Tune-In to ECHO's New Program in October! "Prenatal Health"

Being healthy while pregnant is the first step to having a healthy family. Pregnancy can pose many important decisions and challenges for expecting mothers. Because of this there is a lot of information available including thousands of books, classes, and videos. The majority of these resources cost money and are only available in English, both which can be a barrier for new Americans in this economy.

With a generous sponsorship from the Medica Foundation and the March of Dimes, ECHO been able to create a free resource for Minnesotans. This resource comes in the form of a television program and DVD and gives viewers a foundational knowledge of prenatal health guidelines and practices; the program entitled "Prenatal Health" is available in Spanish, Hmong, Somali, and low-literacy English and will give women and families the knowledge that they need to create a healthy environment for both mother and baby.

"Prenatal Health" will premiere on *tptMN*:

**Sunday, October 2:**

Spanish 7:00 p.m.

Hmong 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, October 9:**

Somali 7:00 p.m.

English 7:30 p.m.

Request free DVD copies of this program by emailing [olson@echominnesota.org](mailto:olson@echominnesota.org) and download a printable promotional flier [here](#).

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