

JASA Announces Institute for Senior Action Fall Session

JASA's Institute for Senior Action (IFSA) will begin its Fall 2009 session on Thursday, September 24th, at the Hudson Guild in Manhattan. IFSA—a program of JASA's Joint Public Affairs Committee (JPAC)—is a unique ten-week leadership and advocacy-training program for older adults and an extension of JPAC's mission to promote leadership, civic involvement, and advocacy among older adults. Participants are selected through an application process and receive training from special guests and expert faculty. Participants learn about policy issues affecting older adults and how they can become powerful community advocates and impact tangible change. Every Thursday, participants meet for trainings and discussions on topics which include understanding budget and legislative processes, voter registration and outreach, working inter-generationally, organizing in a multicultural environment, volunteerism and mentoring.

JPAC will also be continuing the IFSA Partnership, a program which brings a two-week senior advocacy program to Brooklyn and the Bronx through a generous grant from the New York Foundation. Through the IFSA Partnership, JASA is providing an opportunity to outreach to older adults who are interested in public policy and advocacy but have not been able to attend the full 10-week IFSA program in Manhattan.

IFSA is the signature program of JASA's Joint Public Affairs Committee, JASA's public advocacy arm. Founded in 1977, the committee is an interdenominational, multicultural social action coalition of older adult representatives from senior centers, community groups, and coalitions throughout Metropolitan New York. IFSA boasts a community of over 600 older adult alumni who advocate around issues impacting older adults across New York City.

IFSA's Fall semester will run on Thursdays from September 24th through December 10th.

For more information about IFSA or to obtain an application, please contact Bola Aribidesi, IFSA Project Director, at (212) 273-5261 or baribidesi@jasa.org.