



**Caribbean American Chamber
Of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI)**

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DAVID A. PATERSON

**HAITIAN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
A JOINT INITIATIVE OF NEW YORK STATE AND NEW YORK CITY**

***ATTENTION:* CARIBBEAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY,
INC.**

***WHO:* Governor David A. Paterson and NYC Mayor Bloomberg**

***WHAT:* Announcing the opening of the Haitian Family Resource Center at the
Bedford Armory**

***WHEN:* Friday, January 28th, 2010 at 11:30 AM**

***Where:* Bedford Armory, 1579 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn**

Haitian Family Resource Center at the Bedford Armory

The Center will be a one-stop resource center for families impacted by the earthquake. It will offer Creole speaking translation services, immigration assistance, and help with completing immigration applications, child guardianship and custody services, legal assistance, help in locating family members, mental health services, coordination of volunteer efforts and daily accurate briefings on the status of the relief effort.

The Center will be operated jointly by the New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) and NYC Office of Emergency Management. The Human Services Committee of the Disaster Preparedness Commission will staff the Center along with the Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA) Bureau of Refugee Affairs. Jocelyn Mayas from OTDA will be detailed to the Center and is a Creole speaking liaison to the Haitian Community.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me at the information below.

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