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Dear Friend,

CTWO's Spring initiatives include a unique mix of organizing and research projects designed to address the issues facing Black, Latino, Native American and Asian communities.

LOCALLY, we've trained parent organizers in the Filipino, Chinese, Latino, Samoan and Vietnamese communities of Oakland to conduct "Know Your Bilingual Rights" workshops. The workshops are being followed by school-site accountability sessions with individual principals to monitor school compliance with state, federal and court mandated regulations.

NATIONALLY, we are recruiting young minority activists to participate in the 1987 **Minority Activist Apprenticeship Program (MAAP)** in which 40 trainees will be placed in organizing projects working with farmworker organizations in Ohio and Florida; toxics projects in West Virginia and Louisiana; and low-income tenant organizing projects in New York and San Francisco.

ON THE PUBLICATIONS FRONT, we've just completed **Images of Color**, a guide to film, video and slide shows which chronicles the struggles of people of color in the United States. Our latest Issue Pac **Education and Equality**, which analyzes the effects of cutbacks and new policies on minority children, will be available in the next few weeks, as will our most ambitious publication, **The Minority Trendsletter**, which will examine cutting-edge trends in minority communities.

Over the next five months, the Center will also:

- Conduct regional seminars on toxic hazards in minority communities as a direct follow-up to our Issue Pac **Toxics in Minority Communities**.
- Develop hands-on training for a new Immigrant Rights project in California..
- Work with national ACORN leaders to develop new models of leadership training.

All of this work is vitally important. CTWO serves a constituency that has borne the brunt of the conservative cutbacks, a constituency that is usually left out of progressive coalitions, a constituency for whom traditional citizen organizing techniques **do not work** because many are not citizens.