

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Community Orientation about Inclusion & the Syracuse Refugee Experience

June 20, 2017; 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Overview

In celebration of World Refugee Day, join us for an information session about Syracuse's refugee communities. Learn more about the everyday issues and concerns faced by refugees; the institutions, facilities, and agencies that support New Americans, and the ways that an engaged citizenry can help newcomers to our communities.

Schedule

2:00 PM *Registration and Welcome*

2:15 PM–3:30PM *Conversation: Who are Refugees and Why Receive Them?*

Description: This session will offer a dialogue between a former refugee and an economic development professional who are both intimately familiar with the Central New York region, its residents, and its challenges. Topics addressed will include, who are refugees? How do refugees come to Syracuse and become a part of the community? What are the challenges faced by new refugees when integrating into their new environments? How do refugees enrich the Central New York community?

Speakers: Abdul Saboor, Match Grant Coordinator, InterFaithWorks of CNY
 Dominic Robinson, Vice President, Economic Inclusion, CenterState CEO

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3:45 – 5:00 PM *Panel: What Does it Mean to Effectively Serve Refugees in Syracuse?*

Description: Bringing together a number of local experts familiar with the refugee experience here in Central New York, the panel participants look to discuss the following questions: What does cultural competency mean when working with refugees? What are some of the strategies that relevant institutions, facilities, and the broader community can pursue to make refugees feel embraced?

Panelists: Christina Costello, Director of Health Services, Catholic Charities of Onondaga County
 Janet Lenkiewicz, Case Manager, Onondaga County Department of Social Services
 Economic Security
 Jacki Leroy, Director of ENL Services, Syracuse City School District
 Habiba Boru, Job Developer, RISE Refugee & immigrant Self-Empowerment
 Shelly Tsai, Staff Attorney, Legal Services of CNY

Who Should Attend?

- Professionals in the medical, education, legal, and social service fields
- Employers and businesses
- Potential and current refugee agency volunteers
- Interested community members