

CULTURAL COMPETENCY WORKSHOP SERIES

fall 2008

We are proud to announce our 2008 fall workshop series. For over 100 years Neighborhood House has been helping people, families and organizations develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to thrive in diverse communities.

INCREASE YOUR ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND, WORK WITH AND ENGAGE IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE POPULATIONS

Who Should Attend: Early Childhood Educators, Community Organizers, Health Care Service Providers, K-12 Educators, Human Services Providers, City and County Employees and Faith Based Community Members.

Session 1 – Building Common Ground

August 12, 2008 | 6:00-7:00PM

This workshop allows participants to reflect on their own ancestry in an effort to build their understanding and help them overcome the challenges of reaching out to new immigrants and refugees.

Presenter: Renae Oswald-Anderson, Vice President of Community Building

Session 2 – An Introduction to Somali Culture and Family Systems

September 16, 2008 | 6:00-7:00PM

In this workshop you will learn about Somali history, culture, family systems, beliefs and practices. Participants will leave this training feeling more prepared to confidently engage their Somali clients, colleagues and neighbors.

Presenter: Abdimalik Askar, Training Manager

Session 3 – Latinos in Minnesota

October 21, 2008 | 6:00-7:00PM

In this workshop participants will enhance their knowledge about the history of Latinos in Minnesota, their demographic profile, future trends, and the challenges and opportunities Latinos create for our communities.

Presenter: Josh Becerra, Director of Cultural Enterprise

Session 4 – An Introduction to Hmong Culture and Family Systems

November 20, 2008 | 6:00-7:00PM

In this workshop you will learn about Hmong history, culture, family systems, beliefs and practices. Participants will leave this training feeling more prepared to confidently engage their Hmong clients, colleagues and neighbors.

Presenter: Vang Yang, Family Worker

Session 5 – The Refugee Journey

December 16, 2008 | 6:00-7:00PM

This workshop gives participants the opportunity to experience the refugee journey and build their understanding of the challenges and opportunities new refugees face after moving to a new land.

Presenter: Abdimalik Askar, Training Manager

Cost: \$20 per session

Pre-Registration is Required
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All sessions held at Neighborhood House
179 Robie Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55107

Participant Name: _____

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I will be attending:

- Session #1 Session #3 Session #5
 Session #2 Session #4 All 5 Sessions

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Why Cultural Competency?

Over the last few decades, Minnesota's demographics have been changing. Immigrants and refugees have been coming from all over the world and have settled throughout our state. Our 2008 Cultural Competency Workshop Series will help you learn more about these new members of our community and will build your understanding of the economic and cultural benefits they bring with them.

PRESENTERS

ABDIMALIK ASKAR – Training Manager

Abdimalik Askar is the Training Manager at Neighborhood House. Mr. Askar left Somalia in 1991 after civil war erupted and moved to Minnesota in 1993. He received an AA degree from Normandale Community College in 2002, a BA in Information Technology in 2004 and a MA in Project Management in 2006 from St. Mary's University. He is currently working on his Doctor of Leadership Ed. D. at St. Mary's University. Abdimalik was the outreach coordinator for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities where he developed programs to bring disadvantaged and minority high school students into the colleges and retain them until graduation. As Training Manager Abdimalik is responsible for the design, content and implementation of diversity training services. He is bi-lingual in Somali and English.



JOSHUA BECERRA – Director of Cultural Enterprise

Joshua Becerra is the Director of Cultural Enterprise at Neighborhood House. He holds a B.A. from Hamline University and an M.B.A. from the Instituto de Estudios Empresariales de Montevideo (Montevideo Institute of Business Studies) in Uruguay. Joshua lived in Uruguay for over 10 years and worked as the Business and Development Officer for the Uruguayan American School, an international school serving multinational organizations and businesses, including Uruguay's diplomatic community and the US Embassy. Being brought up in a bi-cultural family and his experience living abroad helps Joshua in his day-to-day work assisting Long-term residents and New Minnesotans better understand and connect with one another. He is bilingual in English and Spanish.



RENAE OSWALD-ANDERSON – Vice President of Community Building

Rena Oswald-Anderson is the Vice President of Community Building at Neighborhood House. Renae joined our staff in March 2002 and has total operational responsibility for service delivery and programs that meet essential human needs, facilitate active participation in community life, and ultimately strengthen and build strong communities. She has extensive experience in the nonprofit sector, with a focus on health care, in both the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota. Prior to her arrival at Neighborhood House, she was the Executive Director of a statewide senior health care nonprofit, then served as Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice-President of Neighbor to Neighbor, a community-based human services organization with several satellite offices in Ramsey County.



VANG YANG – Hmong Family Worker

Vang Yang is a family worker at Neighborhood House. Vang provides direct case management services for families through a Ramsey County contract. Mr. Yang has worked in social services for the past 14 years as a youth worker, child protection worker, and also an employment counselor for families from various cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Vang has a BS in Family Social Science and a Master's of Social Work from the University of Minnesota. He is bi-lingual in Hmong and English.



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