

Learn about Somali, Latino and Hmong Culture

Cultural Competency Workshops

IN-DEPTH AND INTRODUCTORY MORNING SESSIONS

NEW WORKSHOP "THE MOSQUE IN SOMALI-AMERICAN SOCIETY"

For over 110 years Neighborhood House has been helping people, families and organizations develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to thrive in diverse communities. We share what we have learned in our Cultural Competency Workshops.

Somali, Hmong, and Latino Cultures In-Depth

Learn each culture's history, family systems, beliefs, religions, and practices

Learn the journeys of the cultures to the United States and why they have settled in Minnesota

Become more confident in your interactions with other cultures

Learn about their struggles to integrate and thrive in U.S. society

Learn how to reach out and engage members of other cultures

Latino Culture	Thursday, May 14	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Hmong Culture	Thursday, May 21	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Somali Culture	Thursday, May 28	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$44 per session; \$119 for all three

Introduction to Latino, Hmong and Somali Cultures

Less comprehensive than our in-depth sessions but still full of good information, this morning workshop is an opportunity to learn about the largest immigrant communities in the Twin Cities.

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Hmong Cultures	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Latino Cultures	9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Somali Cultures	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per session; \$69 for all three

The Mosque in Somali-American Society

The role of mosques in the Twin Cities has been prominent in the news recently. While Islam has long been an important part of Somali society, mosques may play an even more central role in the lives of Somalis in the United States than they did in Somalia. Learn why and how mosques are so important, the different type of mosques, prayer times and other important information.

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$25

**Register by April 27
and save 10%!**

**Space is Limited!
Register Now!**

CEUs Available!

Questions? Want to hold a workshop at your workplace?
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Presenter Profiles

Latino Sessions

Enrique “Cha-Cho” Estrada joined Neighborhood House as a Community Youth Advocate in February of 2008 after working with the Boys and Girls Club in the Twin Cities for 24 years. He is best known for his program development, training and leadership in gang prevention and intervention work for youth living in at-risk circumstances. Cha-Cho, a second generation Mexican-American, grew up on Saint Paul’s West Side, the “Ellis Island” of Minnesota.

María Alejandra Reyes-Cejudo serves as the Family and Children’s Services Director at Neighborhood House where she supervises the development of the ELL/Literacy, Health Access and the Youth Leadership Programs. Originally from México City, she moved to Minnesota in 1997. Alejandra received the 2004 Adult Basic Education Leadership Award and the 2006 Minnesota 25 on the Rise Leadership Award.

Hmong Sessions

Wa Yang is a second generation Hmong whose family was forced to escape Laos due to his father’s support of the United States in the Vietnam War. He was born only a year after his parents came to the United State. Like many Hmong families in the Twin Cities, his family raised vegetables and sold them at local farmers’ markets. A graduate of Metropolitan State, Wa pursued an acting career that included roles in Hmong films. Wa recently moved back from Los Angeles to care for his parents and continue his education with a goal of pursuing a medical career.

Somali

Abdimalik Askar left Somalia in 1991 after civil war erupted and moved to Minnesota in 1993. He received an AA degree from Normandale Community College, a BA in Information Technology and a MA in Project Management from St. Mary’s University. He is currently working on his Doctor of Leadership Ed. D. at St. Mary’s University. Mr. Askar was the outreach coordinator for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities where he developed programs to encourage disadvantaged and minority high school students to graduate from college.

Sahra Gure is a Somali Family Worker at Neighborhood House who earned her B.A. in Sociology from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. She has eight years experience working with displaced and refugee populations in Africa, helping counsel women and children, working with pregnant women and the elderly, and providing resettlement services. Sahra has also done extensive work with social service agencies to help them learn and understand Somali culture. She is bilingual in English and Somali.

Presenters may be added or changed based upon availability.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Participant Name _____ Organization _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone number _____ email address _____

Workshop Choices:

In-depth Latino, Hmong and Somali Sessions May 14, 21 and 28, 9:00 – 11:00 am

____ All Sessions (\$119) ____ Latino May 14 (\$44) ____ Hmong May 21 (\$44) ____ Somali (\$44) May 28

Introduction to Latino, Hmong and Somali Cultures, May 20

____ All Sessions (8:30, \$69)

Individual Sessions: ____ Hmong Culture (8:30, \$25) ____ Latino Culture (9:45, \$25) ____ Somali Culture (11:00 am, \$25)

____ **The Mosque in Somali-American Society, May 5 (\$25)**

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