

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast	Foyer
8:30 - 8:45 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks Tsehaye Teferra, Ph.D., President, and CEO ECDC	Ballroom
8:45 - 9:45 a.m.	Opening Plenary Ambassador Julieta Valls Noyes Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration Moderator: Dara Lind, Senior Fellow, American Immigration Council	Ballroom
9:45 - 10:05 a.m.	Break	
10:05 - 11:35 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
Session A	Addressing the Impact of Trauma in Displaced Persons and the People Who Serve Them Elaine Barge, Trauma and Resilience Educator HDPI	Ballroom
Session B	Don't Wait, Create! Creating Opportunities Through Mobility and Microenterprise Dr. Earlene Everett, Ph.D., Senior Manager, The Alliance for Multicultural Community Services Binyam Gebrehewet, Director of Driver's Education & Mobility Center The Alliance for Multicultural Community Services	Cavalier A+B
Session C	Building Community in Brattleboro: A Case for Refugee Resettlement in Rural America Joe Wiah, Refugee Resettlement Director ECDC Multicultural Community Center in Brattleboro, Vermont Joel Colony, Vice President, External Engagement & Advocacy World Leading Jen Stromsten, Director of Programs Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation	Concourse 1
Session D	Creating Complementary Pathways for Refugee Students through Higher Education Dawood Mayom, Program Officer Welcome Corps on Campus, Community Sponsorship Hub Noor Ghazi, Director of University Sponsorship Every Campus A Refuge	Concourse 2
11:35-11:45 a.m.	Break	

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11:45 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Ballroom
1:00- 2:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions	
Session A	How to Build Successful Cultural Orientation Programming	Ballroom
	Ella Fowler , Research and Learning Officer Cultural Orientation Resource Exchange Tu Phillips , Curriculum Design Officer Cultural Orientation Resource Exchange	
Session B	Supporting Acculturation for Newly Arrived Afghan Families	Cavalier A+B
	Madina Masumi , Switchboard Training Officer International Rescue Committee	
Session C	Partnering to Create a Path Forward for Refugee Physicians in the US Healthcare Workforce	Concourse 1
	Brandi Kilmer , Director of Community Programs Their Story is Our Story Kenn Speicher , Co-Founder NOVA Friends of Refugees Amanda Wibben , Medical Student Georgetown University Elizabeth Madjlesi , Program Director Upwardly Global Dr. Aziz Jami , Founder Afghan Surgeon Society	
Session D	Exploring the Evolving Landscape of Refugee Co-sponsorship in the United States	Concourse 2
	Brianne Casey , Program Officer Refugee Welcome Collective	
2:30 - 2:45 p.m.	Break	
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	Refugee Protection Trends	Ballroom
	Dr. Mehari Maru , Ph.D. Professor Migration Policy Centre Dr. Sarah Miller , Ph.D. Senior Fellow Refugees International Dr. Yael Schacher , Ph.D., Director for Americas and Europe Refugees International	
3:45 - 4:05 p.m.	Break	

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4:05 - 5:35 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Session A

Idea Workshop: Effective Housing Programs and Engaging Housing Stakeholders

Ballroom

Lindsey Guerrero, Director
Refugee Housing Solutions

Sophia Martin, Digital Content Associate
Refugee Housing Solutions

Session B

Community Engagement Panel – Integrating Volunteers into Resettlement Programs

Cavalier A+B

Elisabeth Benfield, Community Engagement and Sponsorship Manager
ECDC

Kate Watherbee, Volunteer Manager
ECDC African Community Center in Denver, Colorado

Sarah Kolsto, Refugee Services Director
Della Lamb Community Services

Tanyaradzwa DeWolf, Director of Refugee Services
Immigrant Legal Center + Refugee Empowerment Center

Ayan Warfa, Program and Development Manager
Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Center

Session C

Ea\$ing into the USA: Adapting the Economic and Social Empowerment (EA\$E) Intervention for US-based, Forcibly-Based Populations.

Concourse 1

Jhumka Gupta, Sc.D., Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Global and Community Health
George Mason University

Jessica Dalpe, Senior Technical Advisor for Safety & Wellness
International Rescue Committee

Karin Wachter, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Social Work
Arizona State University

Session D

A NICE Approach: Mental Health and Wellness for Refugees + Multigenerational Programming: A Bridge to Learning and Engagement for Refugees

Concourse 2

Timothy Brass, Lead Health Case Manager
Nashville International Center for Empowerment

Vitaly Samodin, UHP Health Case Manager
Nashville International Center for Empowerment

Kate Talbot, Co-Founder, Director of Operations & Finance
Solutions in Hometown Connections

Tessa Ambridge, Program Manager
Solutions in Hometown Connections

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7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast Foyer

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Refugee Policy and Programming Updates Ballroom

Anne Marie McGranaghan, Resettlement Officer
UNHCR

Lawrence Bartlett, Director, Office of Refugee Admissions
Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

Brandon Prelogar, Chief, International Refugee Affairs Division ,
USCIS

9:30-9:40 a.m. Break

9:40-10:40 a.m. Office of Refugee Resettlement Updates Ballroom

Carl Rubenstein, Director, Division of Refugee Assistance
Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

Anastasia Brown, Director, Refugee Services Division
ORR

Tabassum Siraj, Mental Health Team Lead, Division of Refugee Health
ORR

10:40 - 10:50 a.m. Break

10:50- 11:50 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

Session A Schools as Partners in Refugee Family Integration and Wellbeing: Considering the Role of K-12 Education in the Refugee Resettlement Experience Ballroom

Julie Kasper, Director of Teacher Learning & Leadership
Childhood Education International, Center for Professional Learning

Session B The Welcome Corps: Opportunities for Communities to Engage in Private Sponsorship for Refugees Cavalier A+B

Esmerelda Hoscoy, Associate Director of Support and Oversight
Community Sponsorship Hub

Session C Georgetown University School of Medicine "Refugee Health Navigator Program": Academic-Community Partnerships to Support Refugee Health Concourse 1

Diamanta Panfrod-Ufere, Medical Student
Northeast Ohio Medical University

Leila Eter, Medical Student

Georgetown University School of Medicine

Dr. Sarah Kureshi, MD, Associate Professor

Georgetown University School of Medicine

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2:05 - 2:20 p.m.	Break	
2:20- 3:20 p.m.	Refugee Narratives: Building Support Locally and Nationally Rebecca Deng , author Taif Jany , Director of Policy and Practice Refugee Council USA	Ballroom
3:20 - 3:25 p.m.	Closing Remarks Tsehay Teferra, Ph.D. , President and CEO ECDC	Ballroom