



Wednesday, August 28, 2024
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[Thrive on King](#): 2153 N. Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Milwaukee, WI 53212

Provide a platform for improved skills attainment, sharing, and captivation of advanced research and practices within the prism of Human Wellness, being interchangeably influenced by local and global factors.	Mobilize and harness the diverse knowledge, capacities, and services of various stakeholders interested to learn from and with those who interface with refugee and immigrant communities in the USA
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	1. Gain an understanding of how newcomer neighbors are arriving and 2-3 new skills as best practices to best serve them
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	Registration, networking, and light refreshments (Mercado El Rey, Stone Creek Coffee)		
	<p>Opening Remarks Welcome to the 2024 <i>Our City of Nations</i> Conference</p>	<p><u>Bojana Zori Martinez</u>, Director- Bureau of Refugee Programs, Department of Children and Families/State Refugee Coordinator</p> <p><u>Benjamin York</u>, Refugee Programs Administration Section Manager, Bureau of Refugee Programs, Department of Children and Families</p>	<p>Educational Objective: Welcome conference participants and review the impetus for this year's theme</p>

	<p>Keynote Address To protect the rights and address the needs of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide and support their transition to a dignified life.</p>	<p><u>Dylanna Grasinger</u>, Vice President of Refugee Programs with U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (<u>USCRI</u>)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand various ways newcomers are arriving and ways to support them in our work as it relates to our theme of standing together as neighbors 2. Learn about immigration status and legal ramifications
	<p>Interactive Session The Welcoming Standard, a framework developed by Welcoming America to create and maintain an infrastructure of welcoming, inclusion, and belonging to build a nation of neighbors</p>	<p><u>Briana Broberg</u>, Midwest Regional Manager, <u>Welcoming America</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain exposure to the Welcoming Standard 2. Identify the infrastructure of welcoming, inclusion, and belonging that exists in Milwaukee 3. Understand opportunities that exist to build welcoming, inclusion, and belonging with neighbors
<p>Break, Connect, and Networking Lunch (The Bread House)</p>			

Plenary Session
A discussion with multiple agency representatives on reception, placement, support services, ways of entry, and ways to welcome and build belonging with newcomers

Frontline and Resettlement Systems

Omar Mohamed, Executive Director, Lutheran Social Services
Sheila Badwan, Executive Director, Hanan Refugee Relief Group
Dr. Paul Trebian, President & CEO, International Institute of Wisconsin
Briana Broberg, Midwest Regional Manager
Dylanna Grasinger, Vice President of Refugee Programs with U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)

1. Overview of "basic" newcomer arrival information: how they arrive, where they are coming from, how resettlement works, challenges experienced
2. Learn 2-3 skills from "on the ground" workers as they assist

Panel Session I

Presentation from
Milwaukee Public
Schools and the
Wisconsin
Department of
Instruction on best
practices to engage
students, families,
and communities
of diverse
backgrounds