

# Refugee Summit Program

Friday, June 16, 2017

West High School

8:30 - 9:00	Registration and Reception
9:00 - 9:10	Welcome, Opening Remarks, Discussion of Goals for the Day
9:10 - 10:00	Keynote Panel Chad Dahm, Director, Bureau of Refugee Services; Nicholas Wuertz, Director, LSI refugee services program; and Carly Ross Director, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Des Moines will discuss the definition of a refugee, how refugees come to and are resettled in Iowa, and Iowa's unique resettlement history, demographics of current refugee population in Iowa and Eastern Iowa, discussion of needs and concerns statewide and in Eastern Iowa from the resettlement service provider perspective

## Concurrent Sessions Round One

10:10 - 11:00	Advocating for Refugee Children and Youth Between Two Cultures (Part One)
10:10 - 11:00	Investing in the Local Economy: Refugees and Employers Creating Opportunities
10:10 - 11:00	Empowering You for Political Action Current Challenges to Refugee Rights: State and Federal Legislation and Executive Orders
10:10 - 11:00	Becoming an Effective Volunteer and Ally Passages: A Refugee Experience Simulation (Part One)
10:10 - 11:00	Enhancing Health in Refugee Communities Status of Refugee Health in Johnson and Linn Counties: Public Health and Healthcare Provider Perspectives

## Concurrent Sessions Round Two

11:10 - 12:00	Advocating for Refugee Children and Youth Between Two Cultures (Part Two)
11:10 - 12:00	Investing in the Local Economy: Refugees and Employers Creating Access
11:10 - 12:00	Empowering You for Political Action

Effective Lobbying for Policy Change

11:10 - 12:00      **Becoming an Effective Volunteer and Ally**  
Passages: A Refugee Simulation (Part Two)

11:10 - 12:00      **Enhancing Health in Refugee Communities**  
Challenges with Cultural Competency

## Convene

12:10 - 1:00      Lunch

## Concurrent Sessions Round Three

1:00 - 2:00      **Advocating for Refugee Children and Youth**  
Parents in a New Land

1:00 - 2:00      **Investing in the Local Economy: Refugees and Employers**  
Addressing Worker Concerns in Eastern Iowa: Wage Theft

1:00 - 2:00      **Empowering You for Political Action**  
Running for Political Office: A Workshop for New Americans (refugees and immigrants)

1:00 - 2:00      **Becoming an Effective Volunteer and Ally**  
How to Be a Partner in English Language Learning, Healthcare Access, Work Readiness, Negotiating the Legal System

1:00 - 2:00      **Enhancing Health in Refugee Communities**  
Addressing the Challenge of Mental Health Care Provision in Refugee Populations—Models and Best Practices

## Convene

2:10 - 3:00      Keynote Two  
Anesa Kajtazovic

3:00 - 3:30      Wrap-Up and Next Steps