

Refugee Mental Health & Wellness Conference

Friday, February 14, 2020 • United Way of Greater Houston • 8:15am-4:30pm

8:15	8:45	Breakfast Reception and Registration		
8:45	9:00	<p align="center">Welcoming Remarks Daniel Stoecker, President and CEO The Alliance Dr. Asim Shah, Baylor College of Medicine and Alliance Board of Directors</p>		
9:05	9:25	<p align="center">Morning Keynote Dr. Hadidja Nyirankuye, Assistant Professor, University of North Texas Department of Social Work Dr. Nyirankuye is a survivor of the Rwandan genocide and author of <i>The lances were looking down: One woman's path through the Rwandan genocide to life in the States.</i></p>		
9:30	11:00	<p align="center">Refugee Youth and Mental Health – Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirin Herman, Houston ISD Multilingual Department • Abdi Hassan, Change Happens • Sendet Seremba, parent • Wongel Gebremichael, youth • Yousaf Khalid, youth • Natasha Prosperi, Clinical Social Work Intern, The Alliance <p>Facilitator: Aisha Koroma, MA, LPC-Intern</p>		
11:00	11:15	Award Presentation Recognizing Karine Parker-Lemoyne		
		Breakout Session 1		
11:20	12:20	<p>Handbook of Refugee Experience : Trauma, Resilience and Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sophia Banu • Aisha Koroma • Dr. Kottler • AP Vo 	<p>Addressing Childhood Trauma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marisa B. Novitz, Trauma and Grief (TAG) Center at Texas Children's Hospital • Arnold Valdez, DePelchin Children's Center <p>Facilitator: Dr. Peta-Gay Ledbetter, RN, LPC, PhD</p>	
12:20	1:10	Networking Lunch - Resource Tables – 2020 Census Information		
		Breakout Session 2 & 3:		
1:10	2:25	<p>Laws and Policies Impacting Refugees & Immigrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Sanchez-Kennedy, YMCA International Services • Aaron Tate, Church World Service • Nneka Achapu, African Public Affairs Committee <p>Facilitator: Sophie Albert</p>	<p>Vicarious Trauma Support AP Vo & Dr. Kottler</p>	<p>Creative Healing & Empowerment Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Aisha Siddiqui, CHAT • Karine Lemoyne-Parker, Be the Peace, Be the Hope • Vee Duong, OCA/Mi Familia Vota <p>Facilitator: Dr. Stephen Chao</p>
2:30	3:45	<p>Empowering Refugee Women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elena Korbut and Chloe Krane, IMpower • Dr. Peta-Gay Ledbetter • Hannah Terry, FAM Houston <p>Facilitator: Gislaine Williams, MSW</p>	<p>Vicarious Trauma Support AP Vo & Dr. Kottler</p>	<p>Support for Asylum-Seekers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sophia Banu and Natasha Prosperi, The Alliance Post-Detention Asylum Clinic • Dr. Karla Fredericks and residents, Texas Children's Hospital/Baylor College of Medicine • Ola Olaze, BLMP <p>Facilitator: Dr. Thomas McNeese</p>
3:50	4:20	<p align="center">Afternoon Keynote Gary Barker, PhD, CEO and founder of Promundo is a leading global voice in engaging men and boys in advancing gender equality and positive masculinities. He is the CEO and founder of Promundo, which has worked for 20 years in more than 40 countries.</p>		
4:20	4:25	<p align="center">Closing Remarks Dr. Sophia Banu and Miriam Diria</p>		