



REFUGEE HEALTH SUMMIT
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Program Agenda

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019

LOCATION: REGENCY ROOM

8:00 AM Registration

Darnez Pope & Joyce Dunagan

8:30 AM Networking Breakfast

9:00 AM Opening Remarks

Michelle Reece, DrPH, Refugee Summit Chair, WKU Public Health

WKU Welcome & Greetings

Dennis George, PhD, Interim Dean, College of Health & Human Services

Vivian Lasley-Bibbs, MPH, Acting Branch Manager and Epidemiologist

Office of Health Equity, Kentucky Department of Public Health

Abdirahman Ibrahim, Refugee Community Representative

Albert Mbanfu, MA, Executive Director, International Center of Kentucky

9:30 AM From There to Here: Who are Refugees and What is Resettlement?

Albert Mbanfu, MA, Executive Director International Center of Kentucky

10:05 AM Health is more than HealthCare: Education, Advocacy, Engagement

Kasar Abdulla, MA, Chief Operations Officer Valor Academies

10:15 AM Provider Needs in Refugee Health Assessment Report

William Mkanta, PhD, Head, Department of Public Health WKU

10:50 AM Break

11:00 AM CONCURRENT SESSIONS

ROOM Mental Health/Substance Abuse: Refugee Screening and Interventions

163 C *Daniel Boamah, LCSW, Director, KY STEPS*

Improving Mental Health Outcomes

Sherrill Quinn, M Ed, International Institute of Buffalo

ROOM 208 Medical Interpretation Demystified: Requirements, Resources, and Routines

G & H *Heath Ray, BA, Refugee Program Coordinator, Bridging the Gap Interpreting Training Facilitator*

Challenges to Achieving Cultural and Linguistic Competency

Leyda Becker, BA, Licensed Cultural Competency Trainer, City of Bowling Green

ROOM 208 I Enduring Challenges in Adult and Pediatric Oral Care

& J *Mahak Kalra, MPH, Policy Director, KY Youth Advocates, KY Oral Health Coalition*

Increasing Access to Care & Advancing Oral Care Policy

Micaela Schuneman, JD, Esq. Director of Refugee Resettlement, International Institute of Minnesota



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12:00 PM **Lunch & Keynote Address (Plenary)**
Refugee Health Assessments: Addressing the unique needs of newly arriving refugees
*Rebecca Ford, MPH, State Refugee Health Coordinator,
Kentucky Office of Refugees*

1:15 PM **Culture and Health -- Validating Community Voices:
The Bowling Green Bosnian Oral History Project**
Brent Björkman, MA, Director, Kentucky Museum

1:50 PM **CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2**

ROOM 163 **Cultural Awareness, Diversity and Inclusion. What does that all mean for refugee
C** **health?**
*Kimberly Green, PhD, Chief Diversity Officer College of Health & Human Services,
WKU*

Creating Culturally Competent Healthcare Environments
*Kasar Abdulla, MA, Chief Operations & Diversity Officer,
Valor Collegiate Academies*

ROOM 208 **Health Literacy and Complex Medical Information
G & H** **In Chronic Disease Management**
*Susan Eagle, PhD, Public Health Anthropologist, WKU Public Health
Sherrill Quinn, M Ed, Medical Case Manager
International Institute of Buffalo*

ROOM 208 I **Incarceration, the U.S. Justice System & Impact on Refugee Family Health
& J**
Officer Ronnie Ward, Bowling Green Police Dept.
Human Trafficking & Implications for Health Service Providers
*Sunny Slaughter, Subject Matter Expert in Human Trafficking,
Federally Certified Law Enforcement Instructor*

2:50 PM **Break**

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3:00 PM **Challenges and Best Practices in Refugee Health Services: Adjusting the Narrative
for Successful Partnerships & Capacity Building**
*Moderator: Susan Mkanta, MSW
Panelists: Leyda Becker; Rebecca Ford; Kimberly Green;
William Mkanta; Micaela Schuneman*

4:30 PM **Call to Action – Where do we go from here?**
Vote of Thanks, Michelle Reece, DrPH

5:00 PM **Adjournment**