

SYMPOSIUM ON SUPPORTING MIGRANT AND REFUGEE FAMILIES

Invitation to submit abstracts for workshops and presentations

SETTLEMENT SERVICES INTERNATIONAL (SSI) INVITES YOU AND YOUR ORGANISATION TO SUBMIT ABSTRACTS FOR WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR A SYMPOSIUM ON SUPPORTING MIGRANT AND REFUGEE FAMILIES. THE SYMPOSIUM WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 5, 2014 AT THE NOVOTEL IN PARRAMATTA.

Hosted by SSI and funded by NSW Family and Community Services under the Keep Them Safe initiative, the symposium will focus on ways in which service providers can work together and in partnership with communities to support migrant and refugee families through the challenges of settlement and adjustment in a new country.

Key challenges for families can include: pre-migration experiences of war, famine, persecution, dislocation, disruption and loss; cultural dislocation and acculturation stress; settlement pressures; changing family dynamics and roles; differences in parenting beliefs and practices; loss of traditional support networks; awareness of new laws, expectations, services, supports and processes; isolation; language barriers.

The symposium will address challenges for families going through settlement and adjustment, the impact on child, parental and family wellbeing and functioning, and successful strategies, programs, services, and models for providing assistance and building strength and resilience.

The event will bring together a wide cross-section of presenters and participants from migrant, settlement and refugee services, mainstream child and family services, the government sector, and academics.

The program will combine keynote presentations, concurrent workshops and presentations, and a closing plenary session.

Abstracts are sought for workshops (1.5 hours in duration) and presentations (20 minutes in duration) under the following categories:

- Settlement services and support for families
- Parenting initiatives, programs and services for migrant and refugee families
- Initiatives for refugee children, young people and parents
- Health and educational initiatives relating to refugee and migrant families
- Child abuse prevention and early intervention
- Good practice in interagency collaboration and cooperation
- Initiatives that promote family and community participation and engagement
- Initiatives for migrant and refugee families in rural and regional areas
- Culturally competent practice with migrant and refugee families
- Recently arrived families and the law, legal services and support

Please send abstracts using the Abstract Submission Form to familysymposium@ssi.org.au by COB December 20, 2013. You are welcome to submit multiple abstracts. All submissions will be assessed by a panel convened by SSI. All submitters will be notified of the outcome of their submission in January 2014. For enquiries, contact Thanh Nguyen, Manager, Early Intervention and Capacity Building, SSI, at the above email or on 0402 771 390.

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Abstract Submission Form

Name and position of presenter(s):

Name of organisation:

Email address:

Contact number:

Do you wish to deliver a workshop or a presentation?

workshop

presentation

Title of workshop/presentation:

Select content category under which you wish to deliver workshop/presentation:

Settlement services and support for families

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Health and educational initiatives relating to refugee and migrant families

Child abuse prevention and early intervention

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Initiatives that promote family and community participation and engagement

Initiatives for migrant and refugee families in rural and regional areas

Culturally competent practice with migrant and refugee families

Recently arrived families and the law, legal services and support

300-500 word description of the topic of your workshop or presentation:

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200-300 word biography of the presenter(s):

[Empty text area for presenter biography]

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