

Commitment

We strive to help our community become economically independent through education, advocacy and tools for self-reliance

Competence

We bring to our work a spirit of professionalism, accountability and open communication. All annual financial audits are publicly published.

Education

We collaborate with schools, police, government and social service institutions to create the best possible environment for all members of the community

Diversity

We serve the evolving needs of our clients while honoring their cultural heritage and values

Cost Effectiveness

We develop and participate in community-based programs that maximize community resources and offer services that are both efficient and accessible for clients

Respect

Our staff serves our clients and the community as a whole with dignity

About Us

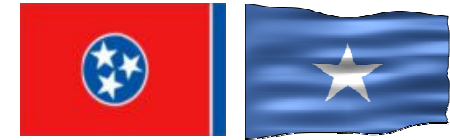
We are a non-profit community-based organization established in June 2000 with the goal of helping Nashville's Somali and other recent refugees become self-sufficient through education, advocacy and skill building. Our mission is to provide consistent community services to all African refugees and other communities represented in the neighborhood. We wish to create an environment conducive to refugees adapting to life in Nashville and in the broader American community.



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Other Services Include...

* Interpretation

Interpretation services in multiple languages (i.e. Somali, Swahili, Amharic, Arabic, Farsi, etc.), for a competitive rate

* Immigration Assistance

Provide immigration forms and information to refugees and immigrants

* Free Computer Classes

Free weekend public computer access and classes; call for times

* Free Citizenship Classes

Free classes to prepare people to take the citizenship exam

* Cultural Preservation

Somali cable television programs aired weekly; cultural celebrations honored and hosted with presentations and speakers

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

*(Weekend Classes
do not include regular
Office Services)*

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

REFUGEE COMMUNITY SELF-DEVELOPMENT

This program helps the growing African refugee community with individualized Employment and Empowerment Plans. Activities offered include Job Development Assistance, Assistance Accessing Government Services, refugee focus group meetings, and Bi-cultural Orientations for Employers. Funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

SOCIAL ADJUSTMENT SERVICES FOR REFUGEES

SCCN has a long history of assisting refugees with Information and Referral for affordable housing and health care, assisting refugees in accessing social services, Emergency Intervention in housing crises, and summoning community resources for systemic problems.

MHARI: MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS

The Somali Community Centers has educated African refugee and immigrant families about mental health since 2004, and refers those Africans in need to leading area provider Centerstone Mental Health Centers. SCCN has gained national recognition and funding for its efforts.

SERVICES FOR REFUGEE VICTIMS OF CRIME

A partnership with the Legal Aid Society and Metropolitan Police, this Public Awareness Campaign educates African refugee communities in Nashville about Victims' Rights and Victim Services. The campaign includes public service announcements on SOM-TV, translation of brochures on victim rights and services, and workshops. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice.

REFUGEE ADAPTATION TO PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

SCCN assists Somali refugee families in understanding the Metropolitan Nashville School system. Activities include: Orientation for new refugees with children, Cultural Information Powerpoint presentations for school personnel, and Bi-cultural Enrichment activities for refugee children, including field trips.

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE
Through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, SCCN holds ESL classes for adults at convenient hours.

'SOM-TV' on Comcast Channel 19
Bringing Somalia to Nashville... and
Nashville to Somalis!

Tune in:

Th: 10 PM; F: 11 AM; Sun: 11 PM