

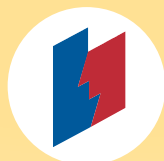
# Utah Refugee Conference

Friday, November 6th & Saturday, November 7th, 2009  
Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, Utah

## Agenda

### Saturday, November 7th

Time	Event	Room number
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast</b>	255 Foyer
9:00 – 9:20 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>	255 Ballroom
9:30 – 10:45 a.m.	<b>General Session – Interacting with the Police; Domestic Violence</b>	255 Ballroom
10:45 – 10:55 a.m.	<i>Break</i>	
10:55 – 11:55 a.m.	<b>Breakout Sessions</b>	
	• Bridging the Cultural Gap Between Parents and Youth	255 C
	• Parents: The Key to Safe and Healthy Kids	255 B
	• Using our Strength and Building our Future: Appreciative Approach	255 A
	• Job Opportunities for Refugees	255 Ballroom
12:05 - 12:25 p.m.	<b>Highlights of Breakout Sessions</b>	355 Ballroom
12:30 – 1:20 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>	355 Ballroom
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Community Leader Recognition</b>	355 Ballroom
2:05 - 2:30 p.m.	<b>Refugee Cultural Entertainment</b>	355 Ballroom
2:30 - 2:40 p.m.	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	355 Ballroom



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9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

## General Session: Interacting with the Police; Domestic Violence

Utah has very specific laws dealing with domestic violence in the home. This session will provide information on resources available for victims of violence.

### Sergeant Fred Ross

**Michaela Andruzzi**, Deputy District Attorney, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office

**Tamara Hamilton, LCSW**, Program Director of the Victim Counseling Unit, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office

Saturday: 10:55 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

## Breakout Sessions

### Session Title: Bridging the Cultural Gap Between Parents and Youth

Refugee families often talk about how difficult it is to raise children in the United States. This presentation will inform parents on the major issues that youth face when they resettle and the strategies they use to adapt to the new culture. Topics such as misunderstandings about child abuse laws, challenges in the schools, and risks such as gangs and drugs will be discussed. Speakers will share recommendations for parents from their professional and personal experiences as well as research.

**Trinh Mai, LCSW, MSW**, is faculty and Special Assistant to the Dean on Community-Based Research with the College of Social Work at the University of Utah.

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**Amadou Niang** completed a master degree in educational leadership on a Fulbright scholarship at Northern Arizona University.

**Joseph Tut** has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and is currently a graduate student in the College of Social Work, University of Utah.

### Session Title: Parents: The Key to Safe and Healthy Kids

Parents have the biggest influence in their child's decision to use or not to use drugs and alcohol. This presentation will address the importance of parents talking with their children about harmful behavior and setting clear rules and expectations on substance abuse. We'll talk about how to start a conversation and have open communication regarding the dangers of drug use between you and your child. We will discuss warning signs that may indicate your child is involved in unhealthy behavior. We'll also discuss other principals of prevention and how to help kids stay safe and drug free.

**Rob Timmerman** – Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist, Director, South Salt Lake Coalition for Drug Free Youth

### Session Title: Using Our Strength and Building Our Future

This session describes and promotes an "appreciative" or "assets based" approach to community development. During the session, Ms. Oki will invite participants to explore the strengths or assets that are available for promoting individual and community growth and participation. The approach will encourage participants to discover their assets; dream about their futures; design steps for achieving those dreams; and delivering the specific actions needed for a better future. This overview of an appreciative approach can be used to share strengths and build new futures.

**Judith Oki** is a Salt Lake City native, who has returned home after a 30-year career in international development.

### Session Title: Job Opportunities for Refugees

**Gary Newren**, Department of Workforce Services Employment Coordinator will discuss successful ways to search for and obtain employment.

## Saturday Afternoon Entertainment

**Ethiopian Dance Troupe**

**Liberian Dance Ambassadors**

**Myanmar Cultural Dance Group**