

# 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Public Health and VOLAG Forum

## Refugee Health & Resettlement: Piecing It Together – Together

**Tuesday, January 24, 2012**

*A chance to dialogue for both newcomers and experienced persons  
working with refugee populations.*

### Who should attend:

- Local Public Health – metro and out-state area
- Voluntary resettlement agency (VOLAG) case managers & program managers
- Clinic staff providing health care for new refugee arrivals
- Community organizations supporting refugees to access health care (*morning session & resettlement presentation*)

When: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Where: MN Department of Health - Snelling Office Park / Mississippi Room  
1645 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, MN 55108

### Morning Session

- **The Role of the Medical Social Worker: A New Support for Complex Medical Cases**  
*Marge Higgins, Medical Social Worker; Anna Carpenter, Social Work Intern*
- **Getting to Know Local Public Health's Systems for Health Screening and Primary Care Referrals**  
*A round-robin activity*
- **Mental Health**  
*Sue Johnston, LICSW*
  - *Current mental health trends in refugees arriving to MN*
  - *Concerns to be aware of as public health nurses and resettlement case managers*
  - *Resources for referrals and hands-on support*

### Lunch (provided)

### Afternoon Session

- **Resettlement: The Big Picture / Health and Resettlement / Q&A**
- **Complex Case Studies: Interactive Activity**
  - *What did we learn?*
  - *What are the unanswered questions?*
  - *Where are the gaps?*
  - *What can we take away as best practice?*

### Pre-registration required

Registration is open through **January 19**.

**To register go to:** [www.health.state.mn.us/registration/nocharge/index.cfm](http://www.health.state.mn.us/registration/nocharge/index.cfm)

**CEU's offered, no fee.**

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*Planning Committee for this event: MDH Refugee Health Program, MN Council of Churches, World Relief MN, International Institute of MN, St. Paul Ramsey County Public Health, Olmsted County Public Health*