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2020 Executive Conference Summary

Vision

Provide a platform for improved skills attainment, sharing, and captivation of advanced research and practices within the prism of human wellness, being interchangeably influenced by local and global factors.

Introduction

OCON4 was focused on becoming a community with refugees and immigrants. We came together virtually to strengthen our relationships and understanding of our newest community members. OCON4 welcomed speakers of different professional and social/cultural backgrounds to share their experiences providing services to refugees or transitioning to life in the United States. Through storytelling and teaching we were given the chance to better understand the strengths and needs of refugee communities. OCON4 allowed us to link agencies and communities to strengthen our relationships



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Goal

Mobilize and harness the diverse knowledge, capacities, and services of various stakeholders interested to learn from and with those who interface with refugee and immigrant communities in the USA.

Action

OCON4 was held virtually November 12 and 13, 2020. There were 250 registered participants who represented over 50 different organizations. 7 organizations represented six diverse sectors including healthcare, higher education, K12 education, government, community service, and business. There were nearly 50 diverse speakers and moderators who provided distinctive insight from their professional and personal backgrounds including healthcare professionals, state and local government officials, community service leaders, and refugees.



Conference Evaluation

Feedback for OCON4 was documented through a post-conference online survey that was sent out via email through Qualtrics. These survey results demonstrated significant enthusiasm for OCON4. Participants were able to identify two new resources and agency connections. Please ask for our responses.

Future Steps

OCON is continuing its momentum in creating a space for refugees, immigrants, organizations and assisting agencies to come together and discuss what it takes to together as one community. It is important to keep connections and partnerships active in order to continually grow and build on shared goals. OCON will further pursue future connections and networks to work towards the goal of becoming together. Sessions from OCON4 registrants are being examined thoroughly to enhance future conferences.

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