

August 28, 2024

# OUR CITY OF NATIONS

“Varied Journeys, Shared Dreams and Traditions: Standing Together as Neighbors”

## Executive Summary

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### Introduction

Our City of Nations (CON) 6.0 was a one day in person meeting. The conference focused on ways to protect the rights and address the needs of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide and support their transition to a dignified life. We came together to strengthen relationships across sectors and understanding of all newcomers. The 2024 conference welcomed speakers of diverse professional backgrounds providing services to and with refugees or those positioning to life in the United States. We heard perspectives from refugee leaders in the community and discussed barriers, opportunities and education perspectives on best practices.

### 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.

### Goal

Mobilize and harness the diverse knowledge, capital, and services of various stakeholders engaged learn from and with those who interface with refugee and immigrant communities in the United States.

### Educational objectives

1. Gain an understanding of how newcomer neighbors are arriving and two new skill sets to best practices to best serve them
2. Understand how to create a welcoming environment and two ways to build belonging together with newcomer neighbors

### Quotes from participants

“I very much enjoyed the session with Welcoming America, and the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants.”

“I have learned the importance of having continued conversation with people we know and don’t know the importance of showing up”

“Loved the Thrive On Kingspace. Loved the cultural foods.”

“I have learned about visa status information and services coordinated by other agencies, learning about MPS partnerships and the resources they use,”

#### Action

OCON 6.0 was a hybrid also offered on zoom but built as an in-person conference on August 28, 2024. The convening was hosted at Thrive On King in Milwaukee which is administered by the Medical College of Wisconsin. There were 140 registered participants who represented 51 different organizations. These organizations represented six diverse sectors including business, community service, government, healthcare, higher education, and K-12 education. There were 12 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 researchers. 10/21/24 10:08 AM 3/12/24



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