

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

RIM Monthly Newsletter

Updates and resources for SCALING UP COVID-19 PREVENTION AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES WITH REFUGEE, IMMIGRANT, AND MIGRANT (RIM) COMMUNITIES

December 2023

Site Spotlight

Chicago Workers Collaborative

This December, NACCHO had the opportunity to speak with Tim Bell, José Frausto, and Rosalía Tenorio from the Chicago Workers Collaborative. Chicago Workers Collaborative's mission is to "promote the creation of stable, living wage jobs with racial and gender equity through leadership development, advocacy, direct action and community resources."

"We started empowering workers to know their rights, to defend their rights at work, but at the same time, they challenge immigration issues in their communities," said Frausto. He explained that right now they are focusing on providing basic necessities to asylum seekers as well as helping them through the immigration process.

Tim explained that most of the workers hold high-hazard jobs and have little to no line of defense. That's where they come into play- by empowering workers to know and defend their rights, they are able to effectively advocate for themselves.

Rosalía started as a COVID-19 navigator. "People needed to be convinced to get vaccinated because not many people trusted the vaccine," said Tenorio. "We started to do a lot of clinics in the community, maybe churches, maybe the park, we bring the service to the community."

"The thing that we've really focused on is training people on occupational health and safety, how to protect themselves in the workplace, also from infectious diseases in the workplace," said Bell. These skills are invaluable to workers- knowing and advocating for your health and safety is crucial.

Frausto also talked about being the bridge between their community and local health departments. "We've been working in the community for so long and people from the community trust us rather than trusting the health department directly," said Frausto. "People come to us, and we direct them to the health departments."

Chicago Workers Collaborative is a key organization in helping workers understand and advocate for their rights. To learn more about the amazing work they are doing, check out their website [here](#).

News and Announcements

Mental Health Toolkit

The [mental health toolkit](#), launched in November 2023, includes health communications, promising practices, checklists, guides, and training opportunities that will help any organization improve its efforts to support Afghan newcomers as they navigate the complicated emotions and stressors of migration.

New this month, courtesy of our friends at the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), is a mental health glossary of terms in [English](#), [Dari](#) and [Pashto](#) and a translated summary of USCRI's [behavioral health offerings](#).

View NRC-RIM's Mental Health Toolkit for even more resources to support Afghan newcomers. Learn [more](#).

Upcoming Opportunities

Colorado Center of Excellence in Newcomer Health (CO-COE): Qualitative Vaccine Confidence Work

The CO-COE is working with newcomers, CBOs, and cultural navigators to better understand vaccine confidence among Afghan, Ukrainian, and Somali communities. They are seeking feedback from public health practitioners who work in these communities to inform their work.

Join them on Jan. 8 from 10-11 am MST to review the project/timeline and discuss partnership opportunities.

Email cdphe_cocoe_newcomer_health@state.co.us for more information.

Upcoming Webinar: How to Use Settle In

[Settle In](#) is an app, website, and Facebook community that engages Afghan and Ukrainian newcomers in an interactive format. Clients can access information on early resettlement services, employment, housing, education, healthcare, and more.

Join CORE for a 90-minute webinar at 8 a.m. EST or 2 p.m. EST on Wednesday, Jan. 10, to receive an interactive overview of CORE's Settle In digital properties (website, app, and Facebook). You'll learn to incorporate these newcomer-facing resources into Cultural Orientation sessions and other resettlement services.

[Register for the Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 8 a.m ET Session](#)

[Register for the Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m ET Session](#)

**Jan. 8 | Colorado
Center of
Excellence in
Newcomer Health**

Qualitative Vaccine
Confidence Work
Partner Call

Jan. 10 | Settle In

How to Use Settle
In: 8 a.m. ET | 2 p.m.
ET

**Jan. 25 |
Switchboard**

Best Practices for
Diversifying
Funding of ECBO
Sustainability

**Jan. 30 | University
of Minnesota**

Hmong Promoting
Vaccines:
Community Based
Participatory
Research in Action

EPIC, CareRef, and More: Optimizing Clinical Decision Support Tools

Thursday, February 8, 2024

1-2 p.m. ET | 12-1 p.m. CT | 11 a.m.-12 p.m. MT | 10-11 a.m. PT

Teams webinar registration:

EPIC, CareRef, and More: Optimizing Clinical Decision Support Tools

You can join the webinar from any device, whether or not you have a Microsoft Teams account. If you don't have an account, follow the steps in the webinar calendar invitation you receive after registering.

Tip: Join the meeting up to 15 minutes before the meeting start time to test your setup, troubleshoot, or see how your organization's network interacts with Teams. If you're having trouble joining, visit [I can't join a Teams meeting](#).

Learning objectives

- Identify existing electronic clinical decision tools and available learning opportunities for newcomer health.
- Employ clinical decision tools to perform appropriate screening and management actions for newly arrived newcomer patients.
- Utilize newcomer health clinical decision tools to identify patients in need of outreach for completion of newcomer screening and management.
- Understand how existing newcomer clinical decision support tools can be adapted to support broader populations.

Virtual Communities Info

Join our Virtual Communities!

How to Sign Up for Virtual Communities (VC)

- Email membership@naccho.org requesting an account
- Once membership has created you an account, email RIM@naccho.org to be added to the group
- You will then be added to the VC page and sent instructions on using the page
- It takes 24-72 hours to enroll in the VC after membership creates an account for you