

SERVING HARRISONBURG'S REFUGEE PATIENTS

Long-term

Your ideas for activities, projects and programs that may be low-cost, but may require time, effort, and energy of multiple people or organizations to complete.

Your ideas for strategic action items integrating care for limited English- proficient patients, where costs may be significant, and funding may not be readily known or easily identified.

ACTION

Translate materials such as patient "information and health support pamphlet" into fliers; Plan and conduct community-based activities, such as parent information sessions in schools, family events, such as a picnic with speakers and potluck dinner; Connect with area service providers and nonprofits for childcare services; Update JMU resource directory to include refugee information; Compile refugees' stories.

Create and sponsor peer support groups; Develop a research approach or group to continue community data capture and research process; Engage with JMU across various departments (include public policy, along with social services, psychological services, etc.); Discuss, plan and create a trauma- informed mental health counseling center.



Immediate

Your ideas of readily available people, organizations, funds, programs, etc., that are low-cost or free, and are easily obtainable or accessible.

Your ideas for potential grants, groups who may need training and/or engagement, etc. Funding streams may require significant coordination or effort from individuals and/or groups.

Complete and update template of pamphlet for providers in HIR, and for patients in HIR; Work with the state to discern other languages needed for the pamphlet, as well as anticipated refugee patient population for future pamphlets AND translators; Develop mentors from cultures aligned with refugee populations to share experiences and increase understanding and community connections; Provide on-site diversity training for service provision staff.

Provide mental health first aid (using VDBHDS curriculum), where the purpose is to de-stigmatize mental health issues; Train support groups to educate the refugee population on what to expect, and how to prepare for medical appointments; Offer cultural competency training; Tap into community organizations with the global perspective and continue to grow educate to broader community; Offer applied suicide intervention skills training, and trauma informed care training to local provider community.

Available

RESOURCES

Anticipated