

# Informed Response to Refugee Trauma

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# Agenda



Welcome



Setting the Stage



Stages of Immigration  
Trauma



Case Example



Liberation-based Entry Points



Resources and Next Steps

# Speaker



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# Setting the stage

1. Refugee families and young children are an asset to their communities as they bring a variety of valuable lived experiences, knowledge, cultural/linguistic diversity, strength, and resilience.
2. Systemic racism, anti-Blackness, colorism, and anti-Muslim sentiment are the basis for the myths and misconceptions that permeate public perception of refugees and continue to influence policy and national sentiment.



3. Strategies and the system components supporting refugee families must be in place and coordinated to respond to their diverse needs and meet the needs of each and every child.

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4. To be effective and culturally responsive, strategies for working with refugee families and young children must be informed by and created in partnership with them (including key decision making). Use of beneficiary voice and responsive feedback loops are key to this process.

5. Strategies and system components for refugee families and young children must support retaining home language and culture for these children to thrive.



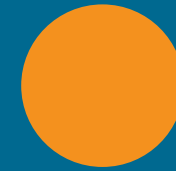
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# Defining the terms

**Refugees** are people outside their country of origin because of feared persecution, conflict, violence, or other circumstances that have seriously disturbed public order, and who, as a result, require 'international protection'.

**Asylum-seeker** are people whose request for sanctuary has yet to be processed. Every year, around one million people seek asylum.

**Internally Displaced People (IDPs) People** are displaced inside their own countries due to armed conflicts, generalized violence or human rights violations continue to constitute most of the forcibly displaced population globally. Known as internally displaced people, or IDPs, they account for some 60% of all people displaced.



# ***Ghosts in the Borderlands:***

***Speaking the unspeakable about  
immigration trauma at the  
US/Mexico Border***



*What's Next?*



# What's Next?

- 09/21: Early Care and Education Programs and Systems Supporting Refugee Families and Children



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