

Title: ***The intersection of practice, policy and advocacy:
Supporting the mental health and wellness of immigrant
children and youth***

8:30am: **Registration and Light Breakfast**

9:00am-9:10am: **Welcome: CIMH Conference Co-Chairs**

Ané Maríñez-Lora, PhD., Research Assistant Professor,
University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration

Aimee Hilado, PhD, LCSW, Clinical Director,
Wellness Program RefugeeOne,
Northeastern Illinois University

9:15am-9:30am **Event Kick-off**

Deborah Gorman-Smith, Dean of SSA

Nubia Willman, Director of the Office for New Americans, Office of the Mayor,
City of Chicago

9:30am – 10:30am **Keynote Panel: National and policy landscape**

(Brief introduction of Keynote Panel Members)

Maria Woltjen, J.D., Executive Director and founder, Young Center for
Immigrant Children's Rights

Angela Garcia, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Chicago School of Social
Service Administration

Mony Ruiz Velazco, Esq.; Executive Director, PASO, (West Suburban Action
Project)

Aimee Hilado, Ph.D., LCSW, Clinical Director, RefugeeOne

10:30am-11:45am **Morning Breakout Sessions** (concurrent sessions)

1. Mental Health 101 (main lobby)

Aimee Hilado, PhD, LCSW, Clinical Director, RefugeeOne,
Northeastern Illinois University

**2. Intersection of practice, policy and advocacy for children and youth in
educational settings.**

Samina Hadi-Tabassum, EdD, Clinical Associate Professor, Erikson Institute (0-5
age-range perspective)

Tanya Cabrera, MA, Assistant Vice Provost for Student Inclusion, University of
Illinois at Chicago (Post-secondary perspective)

Luis Narváez, MA, Strategic Project Director, Office of Language and Cultural Education, Chicago Public Schools (K-12 perspective)

3. Intersection of practice, policy and advocacy in clinical and nonclinical pathways for children and youth in community settings.

Nicole St. Jean, Psy.D. Director of Kovler Center Child Trauma Program, Heartland Alliance International; Clinical Director at Center for Child Trauma Assessment, Services and Intervention at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Marisa Chumil, MA, LCSW, Deputy Director of Social Work at The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights

Dana Rusch, PhD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, University of Illinois at Chicago, Director of the Immigrant Family Mental Health Advocacy Program at the Institute for Juvenile Research

Shaina Shetty, BS, Medical Student at Rush Medical College. Community organizer and co-founder of the Rush Immigrant Health Working Group.

4. Intersection of practice, policy and advocacy for children and youth in family systems.

Rebecca Ford-Paz, PhD, Assistant Professor, Center for Childhood Resilience, Lurie Children's Hospital. Founding co-chair of the Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition's Ad-Hoc Committee for Refugee and Immigrant Children and Trauma

Dana Isawi, PhD, Assistant Professor, Counseling Department, Northern Illinois University

Yovia Xu, MSW, PhD Candidate in Disability Studies, Department of Disabilities and Human Development, University of Illinois at Chicago

11:45am – 1:15pm Lunch - Poster & Resource Exhibition – Networking

1:15pm – 2:30pm Afternoon Breakout Sessions (concurrent sessions)

1. Immigration Policy 101

Rocío Velásquez Kato, JD, Senior Immigration Policy Analyst, Latino Policy Forum

Mony Ruiz Velazco, Esq.; Executive Director, PASO, (West Suburban Action Project)

Dawnya Underwood, LMSW, 1st Deputy of SAFETY Initiatives, HHCS, at Heartland Alliance

Willis Francis, LCPC, Director of Clinical Services for SAFETy Initiatives, HHCS, at Heartland Alliance

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Hadia Zarzour, MA, LCPC, co- founder of Syrian Community Network (PM)

2:30pm

Brief Break

2:45pm-3:30pm: Reconvening with Light Refreshments

Dana Rusch will lead reconvening and evaluations

Maria Ferrera will introduce **Chrystle Dino**

Chrystle Dino, MAAT-- founder of Freedom Movement Alignment, Pinay Chicago native, and folk art therapist-- will lead the conference wrap up by holding a space of empowerment and critical reflection through mind/body awareness

Virginia Quiñonez and Maria Ferrera will say a few brief words thanking folks for attending and encourage them to join the Coalition.