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TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

World Refugee Day is June 20th

“On World Refugee Day, let us reaffirm the importance of solidarity and burden-sharing by the international community. Refugees have been deprived of their homes, but they must not be deprived of their futures.”

*UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
Message for World Refugee Day 2010*

Web Resources

CAL Cultural Orientation Resource Center contains refugee backgrounders, cultural profiles, and welcome to the US guidebooks - www.cal.org/co/publications

Refugee Family Engagement Project videos were created for Denver Public Schools to teach newcomer refugee families how to support their children in the schools and to provide school staff with tools for engaging refugee families. Certain information is specific to Denver schools, but general information can be useful for any refugee family.

Multilingual Newcomer Family Engagement videos:

www.dpsk12.org/video/newcomer/index.shtml

Professional Development for Family Engagement video: www.dpsk12.org/video/newcomer/professional_dev.shtml

The Bantu in Our Midst: A Resource for ELT Classrooms

www.springinstitute.org/Files/thebantuinourmidst4.pdf

Low-level Literacy/PreLiteracy ESL Curriculum and Instructional resources that you can request for free

www.neable.org/resources/bodega/bodega-low-lit-esl

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Bamboo People: a novel, M. Perkins, Charlesbridge, 2010.

Living as a Refugee: Mohammed's Story, L. Armstrong, Ticktock Entertainment, 2005.

Strategies for Naturalizing the Most Vulnerable: A Guide to helping Refugees and Immigrants who are Elderly, Disabled, Low income, Low literate and Limited English Proficient, CLINIC 2008.

Understanding your Refugee and Immigrant Students: An Educational, Cultural and Linguistic Guide, J. Flaitz, University of Michigan Press 2006.

Welcome to the US: Guidebook for Refugees, Guide to Resettlement Orientation video, Multilingual books and videos, CAL, 2004.

Request titles at www.ohioablelibrary.org.



WEBINAR

Suicide among Refugees: Understanding the social and cultural context for prevention strategies

Tuesday, May 17, 2011, from 1 to 2 pm EDT

Register at www3.gotomeeting.com/register/970454870

Between February of 2009 and February 2011, thirteen Bhutanese refugees who had resettled in the United States were reported to have committed suicide. Additional reports of Karen refugees committing suicide soon followed. The apparent surge in suicide among refugees raises several critical questions. First, is the suicide rate among refugees, or certain refugee groups, disproportionately high? If so, what is contributing to such high rates of suicide and, most importantly, what can be done to prevent further suicides among refugees? Drawing on existing research and cultural information, this webinar seeks to answer these questions and propose strategies for prevention.

For more information, please contact 617-983-6589 or write charlot.lucien@state.ma.us

Call for Proposals!

It's time to increase the rigor of your professional growth and become a presenter. Practical, hands-on sessions are always popular. Presenting to your peers is an opportunity to share some of the great activities and strategies you use with your students.

Ohio TESOL Conference – November 11-12, 2011, Hyatt Regency, Columbus

Bridging Divides: From the Classroom to the Real World

Submit online at: <http://ohiotesol.org/mod/resource/view.php?inpopup=true&id=39>

Deadline is **June 15, 2011**.

TESOL Convention – March 28-31, 2012, Philadelphia, PA

A TESOL Declaration of Excellence

Submit online at: www.tesolmedia.com/convention2011/docs/2012TESOLCall.pdf

Deadline is **June 1, 2011**.

Low Educated Second Language and Literacy Acquisition – Sept 29-Oct 1, 2011

Submit online at www.cehd.umn.edu/ci/LESLLA/default.html

Deadline is **May 25**.

Self-directed (Alternative Delivery) PD Activities

Register for any of the titles below on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org.

- A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier
- Cultural Orientation for Refugees (handbook and DVDs)
- God Grew Tired of Us: A Memoir (book and DVD)
- Lost Boys of Sudan (DVD) –part of the PreLiteracy in ESOL series
- Rain in a Dry Land (DVD) –part of the PreLiteracy in ESOL series