

The National Partnership for Community Training (NPCT), a technical assistance program of Gulf Coast Jewish Community Service, in collaboration with the Office of Refugee Resettlement, is developing a track specifically related to the new Iraqi arrivals being resettled in the United States. Training and technical assistance will help mainstream providers working with refugee and immigrant populations where no torture treatment center exists to better identify and serve Iraqis who may have experienced torture or trauma. NPCT will deliver 8 trainings in fiscal year 2007-2008.

In partnership with the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), a torture treatment center located in Dearborn, MI, NPCT is developing a training curriculum – **Emerging Iraqi Refugee Needs** – to be delivered in three settings: state refugee conferences, annual voluntary resettlement agencies' conferences (VOLAGS), and particular communities resettling high numbers of Iraqi refugees where there are no existing torture treatment centers.

Training content will include: sociopolitical context for new arrivals, timeline for Iraqi migration in recent decades, cultural overview (language, perceptions of health and well-being), Iraqi resettlement experience in the US, overview of torture and practices for working with Iraqis who have experiences of torture and trauma.

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