

NEIGHBORS TOGETHER:

PROMISING PRACTICES TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH REFUGEES AND MUSLIMS

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS BEFORE AND AFTER CRISES

Take a long-term approach to building relationships across race, religion, and ethnicity in your community. Recognize that there may be misunderstandings and fears in your community, and work proactively to build bridges across diverse groups of people in order to create a more welcoming climate and prevent potential backlash. This is the perfect opportunity to build multiethnic and interfaith alliances; however, be sure to invest in these relationships before and after crises, rather than only relying on them during the harder times.

SHARE YOUR STORY

Share your story of how your community is welcoming refugees and Muslims to create an echo chamber of positive community building efforts to counter the negative stories that we so often hear. For more tips on how to most effectively frame your story and messaging, see our [Stand Together: Messaging to Support Muslims and Refugees in Challenging Times](#).

PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL INSTITUTIONS

Partnerships with local institutions maximize your impact by getting your message in front of a wider range of receiving community members. Partners can include schools, police, local businesses, the city, and others. Partners could cohost events, publish letters of support, and even work to institutionalize welcoming measures. You will find many examples of these kinds of partnerships in the full [Neighbors Together: Promising Practices to Strengthen Relationships with Refugees and Muslims Toolkit](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Neighbors Together: Promising Practices to Strengthen Relationships with Refugees and Muslims Toolkit](#)

[Stand Together: Messaging to Support Muslims and Refugees in Challenging Times](#)

[Reframing Refugees: Messaging Toolkit](#)

This tool was created based on the proceedings of the [Neighbors Together: Promising Practices to Strengthen Relationships with Refugees and Muslims Webinar and Toolkit](#).



This tool was developed under the Welcoming Refugees Project which is supported by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR/ACF/DHHS).

WELCOMING
AMERICA 



WELCOMINGAMERICA.ORG | WELCOMINGREFUGEES.ORG