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Civil Rights

Defending civil liberties for all Minnesotans. Facilitating religious accommodation.



Media Relations

Sharing a positive and accurate image of Islam and Muslims. Monitoring local media.



Civic EngagementEducating and registering voters.
Building relationships with elected officials.



Training & DevelopmentEducating the public through diversity trainings. Mobilizing the wider community.



Youth Empowerment

Shaping tomorrow's leaders through the Muslim Youth Leadership Program.



Islamophobia

Challenging misconceptions and hate through community events and workshops.

HOME ABOUT SERVICES **PRINCIPLES**

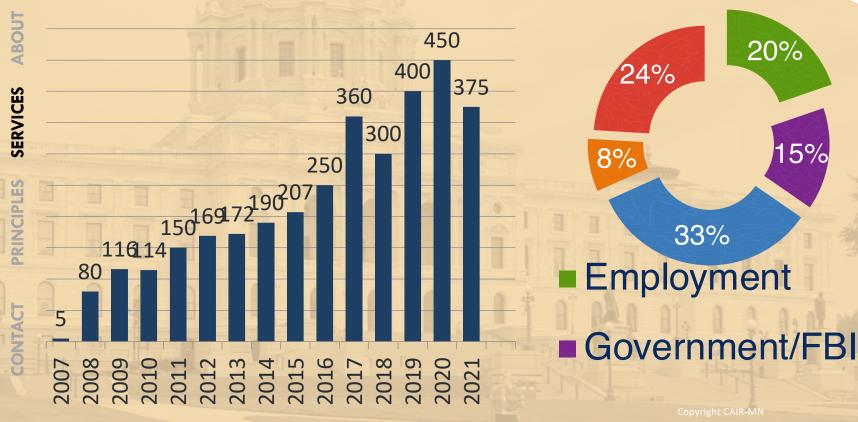
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15%







Nationally Recognized D&I

CAIR-MN Provides Diversity and Inclusion
Training to average of 5-7,000 People annually to
Minnesota and National Organizations

















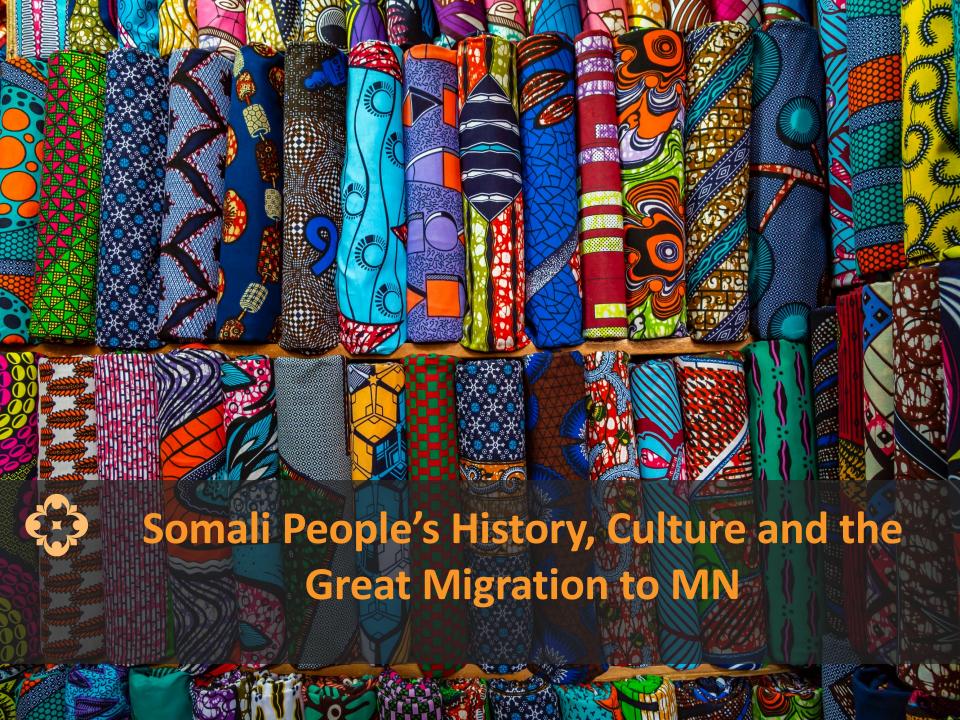
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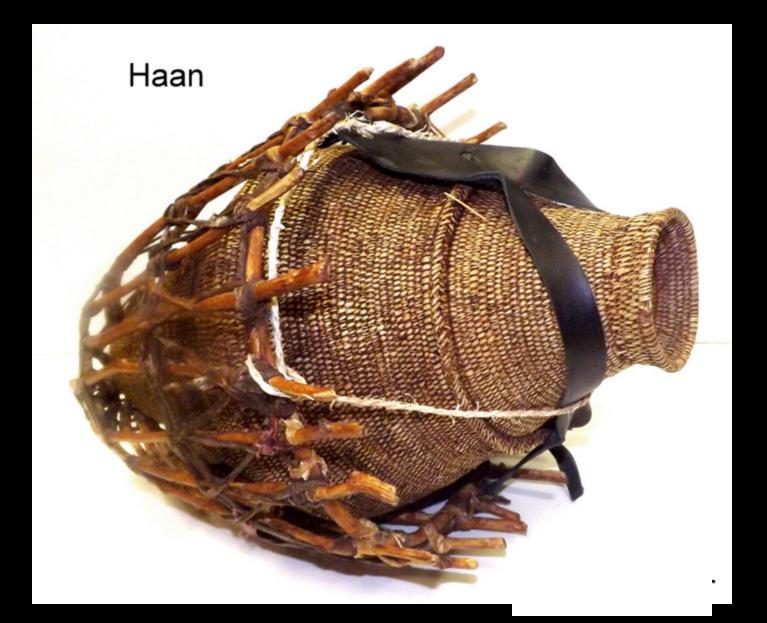




2016 – CAIR Minnesota Awarded the National The Winds of Change Award for organization that has demonstrated sustained support for advancing diversity and inclusion in the workplace and raised awareness of workplace diversity.









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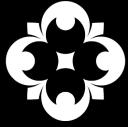


Ma'a-wiis





Frankincense







- The Somali Museum, incorporated in 2011 is the first Somali heritage museum in North America.
- 1516 East Lake St.
 Suite 11 (Lower Level)
 Minneapolis 55407
- Contact Osman Ali 612-998-1166



Somali People's History, Culture and the Great Migration to MN









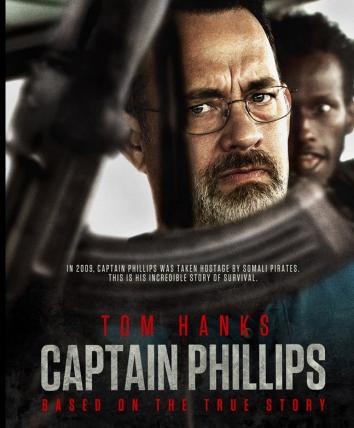




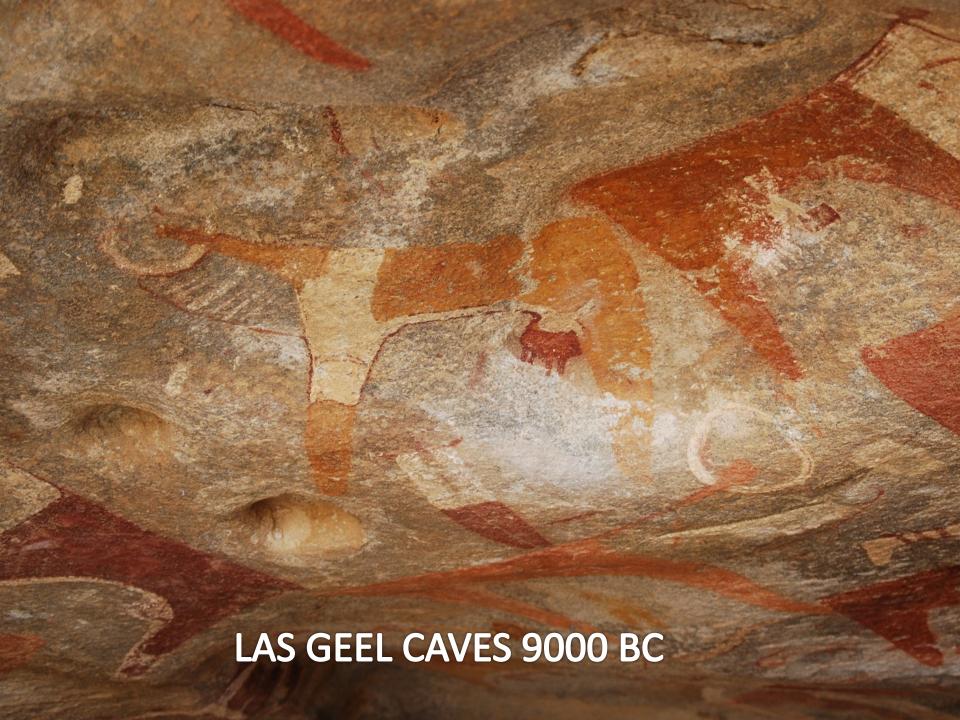


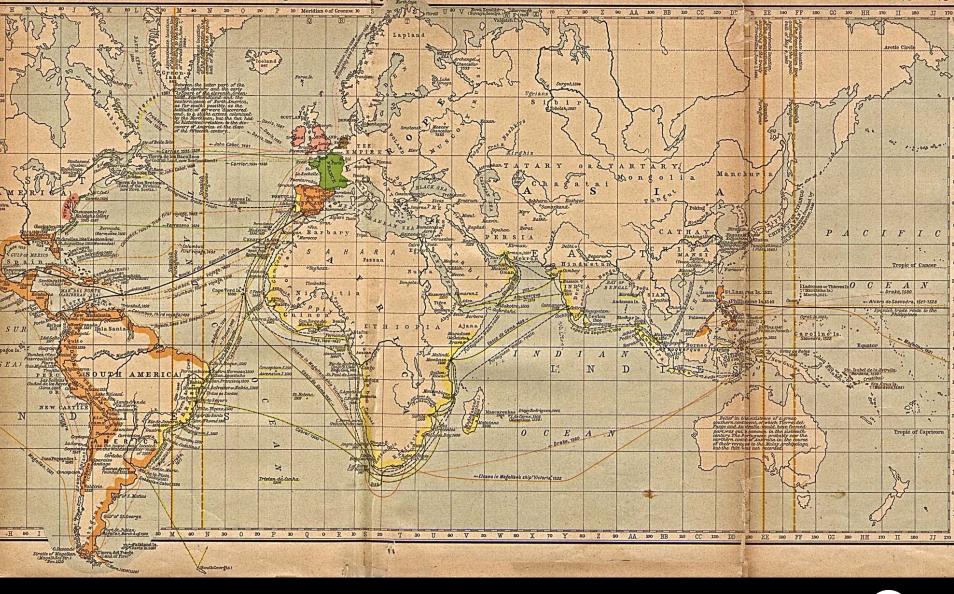








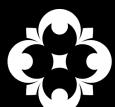




The Age of Discovery, 1340-1600.

HISTORY

Geographical Advantages
World Trade routes



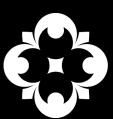






HISTORY

- Somali Geographic Location
- Influence from the Far East









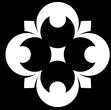


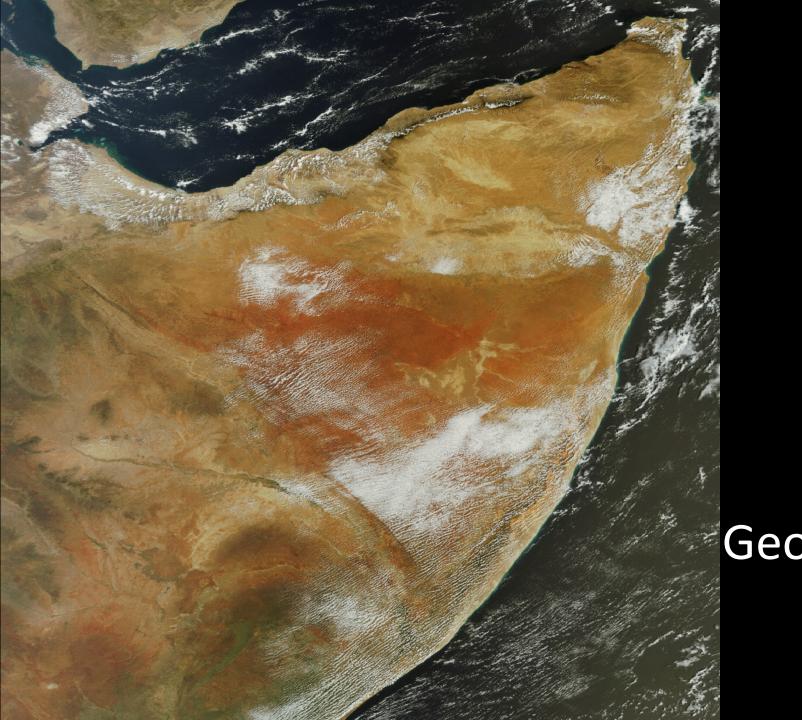
Culture

- Somali Geographic Location
- Influence from the Far East
- Food and Clothing



SOMALI FOOD





Geography









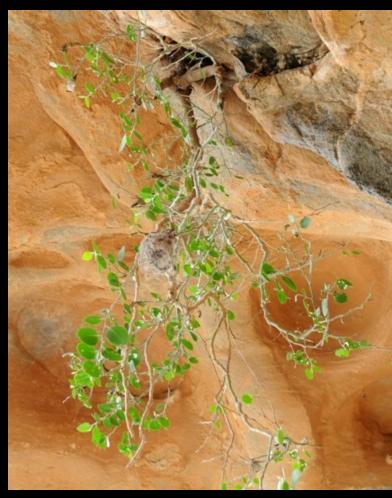
Geography





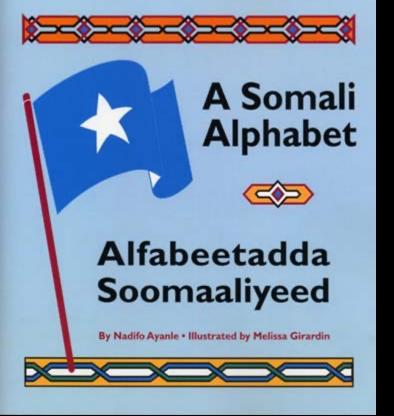












Language



- 1972 adopted Latin orthography
- Spelling Confusion

Somali	English
Letter X	Letter H
Letter C	Letter A'

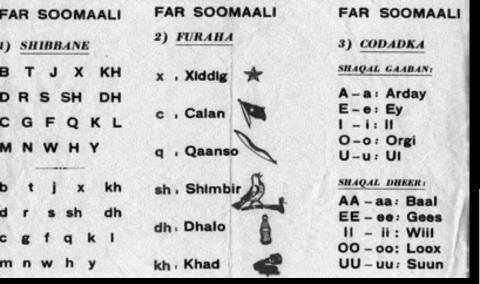
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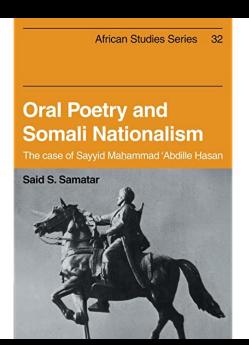
Xali = Hali

Maxamud = Mahamud

Cali Cali = Ali Ali

Middle name father's name	
	name





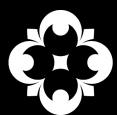


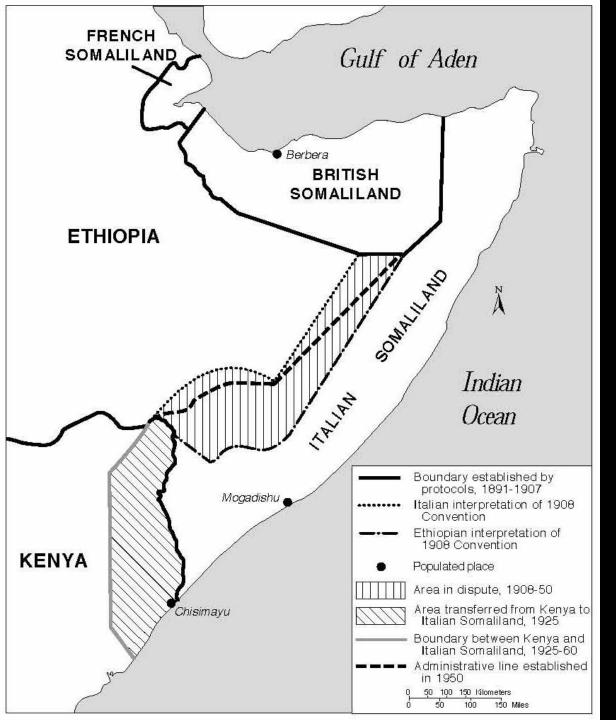


Somali Oral Tradition



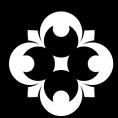
Colonization of Somalia





Independence 1960

British North
Italian South
French North
West







Mogadishu the capital of Somalia 1960







Civil War 1990-20??

Clan based Civil War

US Peace Keeping
Mission

"Black Hawk
Down" or
Battle in
Mogadishu







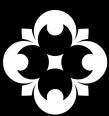


Migration

UN Based Refugee Camps

- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Djibouti

Resettlement in the developing world







WHY? Minnesota?

- Great State!
- Great Weather!
- 90's Good Welfare
- Low Skilled Jobs
- Nomadic Culture!

http://www.kare11.com/news/news_article.aspx?st

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Why? Minnesooota!



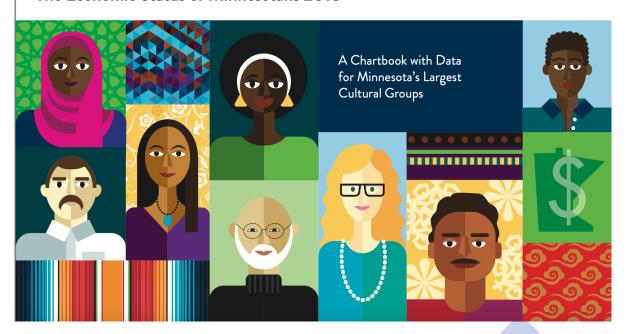
Somalis in the US 2008-2012





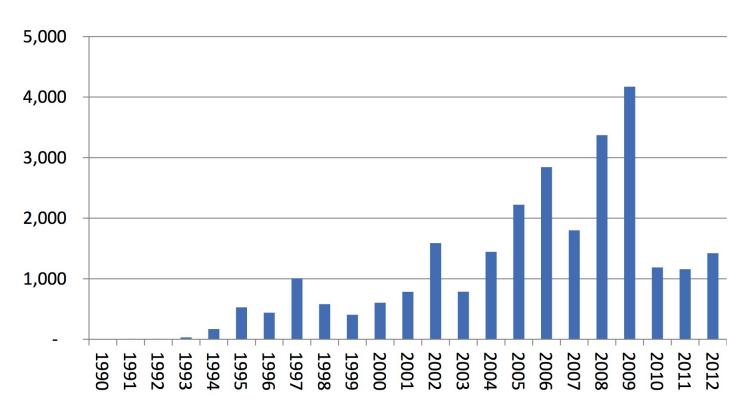


The Economic Status of Minnesotans 2018



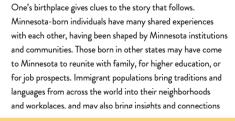


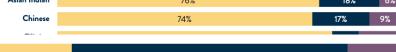


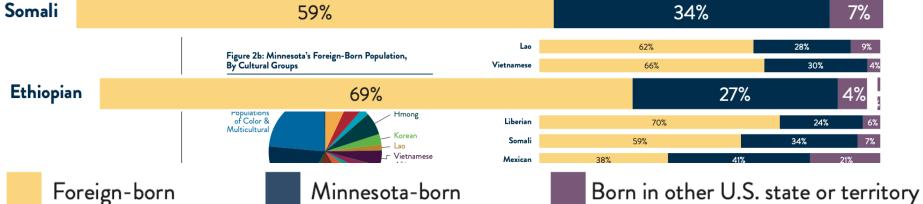




Birthplace









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Median Household Income

The median (midpoint) income of households indicates the resources available to the "typical" household of a group. Half of households earn more than the median, while half earn less. Unlike the poverty measure, median household income is not adjusted for household size. Therefore, a higher share of one-earner households will serve to pull the median lower for that group. Additionally, higher incomes will not stretch as far when there are more household members to support on that income. Minnesota's Somali households have the lowest median income of any cultural group represented here, at about \$21,000, followed by Ojibwe or African-American households (similarly situated at about \$30,000).

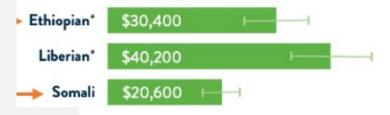
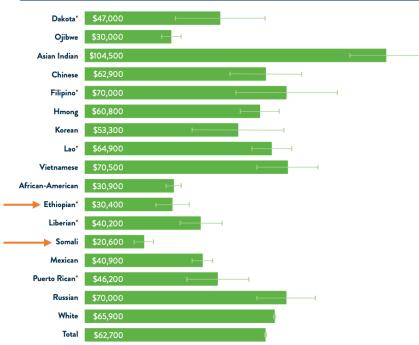


Figure 17: Median Household Income (In 2016 Dollars)



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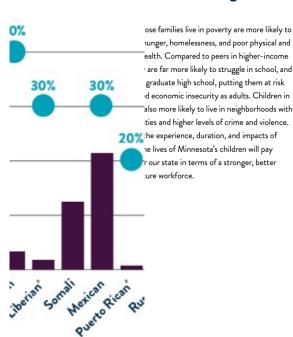
People Living in Poverty and Near Poverty

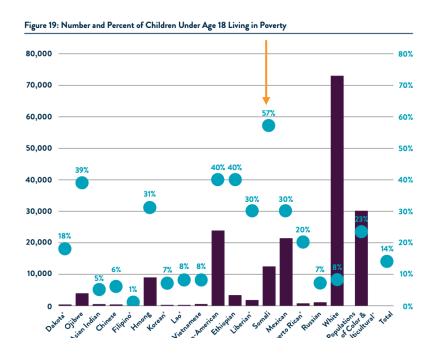






ren Under Age 18 Living in Poverty





Percent of Children Under Age 18 Living in Poverty

Number of Children Under Age 18 Living in Poverty

27



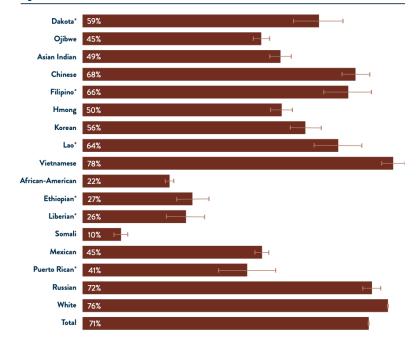
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Figure 21: Share of Householders Who Own Their Home



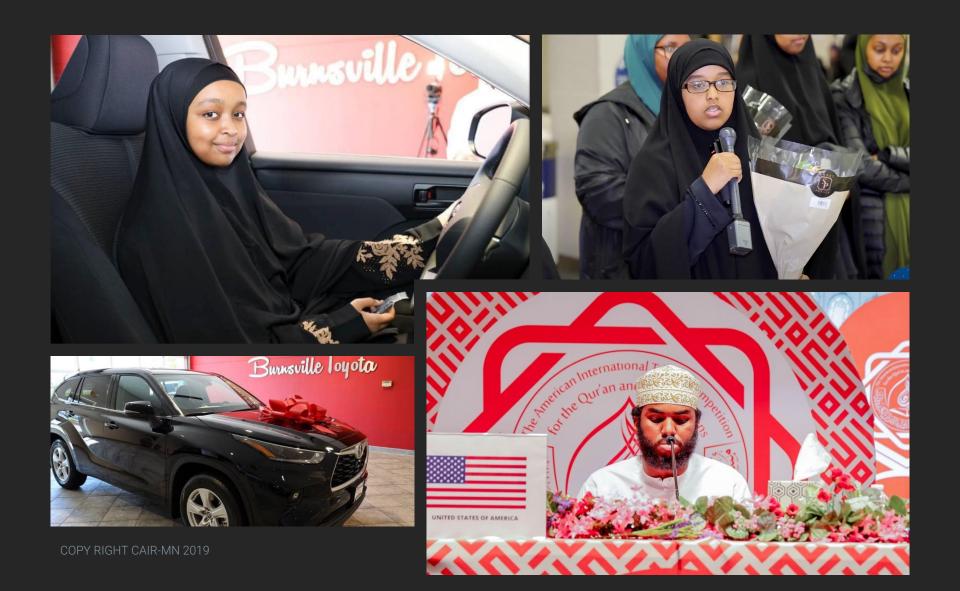
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EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT GAPS ARE OUR COLLECTIVE PROBLEM.







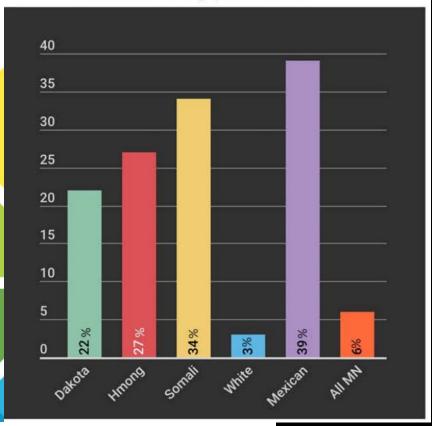


SOMALI STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN MINNESOTA

A Report on the Largest East African Community in Minnesota



AUGSBURG UNIVERSITY. Share Without a High School Diploma/GED, Ages 25-64 Source: MN State Demographic Center. 2016





One out Three Somali families choose Charter

Recommendations to Strengthen Somali Student Achievement:

- (1) Culturally Responsive and Relevant: The curriculum, practices, and school environment must reflect the student body and experience for students to feel powerful in owning their education, especially for SLIFE
- (2) Multiple Literacies Approach: Integrate literacy and native language development at any age to establish a linguistic foundation for English learning and strengthen identity.
- (3) Teachers and Parents Together: Families are interested and willing to engage in their children's education and teachers can develop a strong team with families.
- (4) Diversify Teacher Workforce: Students are more engaged when they see a teacher who looks like them and understands their experience, so barriers must be addressed that prevent more Somalis from pursuing the career.



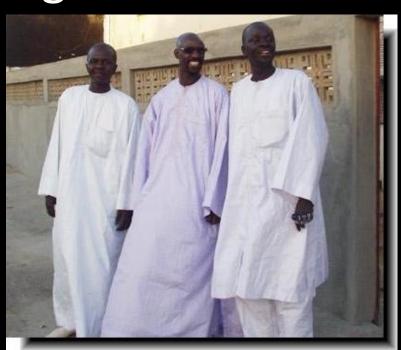
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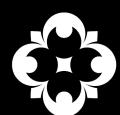


Importance of Teachers

Mental Health Challenges for Somali Refugees

- Depression
- Traumatic Memories
- Insomnia
- Anxiety
- Loneliness/Isolation
- PTSD
- Headaches/Stomachaches

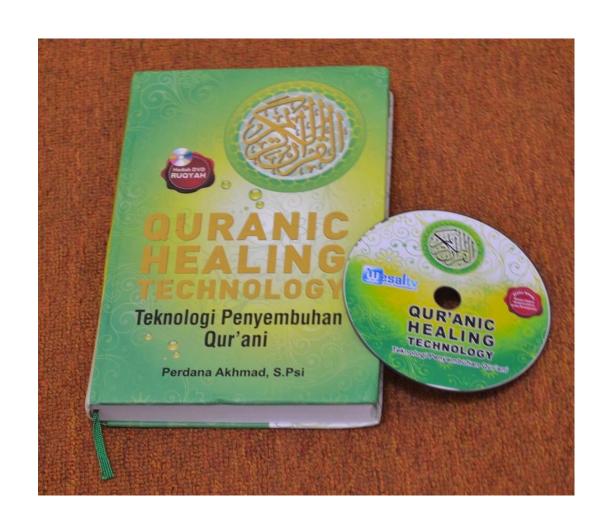




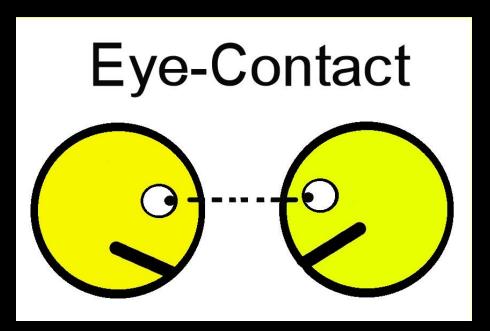
Very little conception of mental health issues, "someone is either sane or insane"



Quranic
Healing
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Medicine Men
are used at
times to treat
Mental Illness

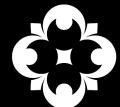




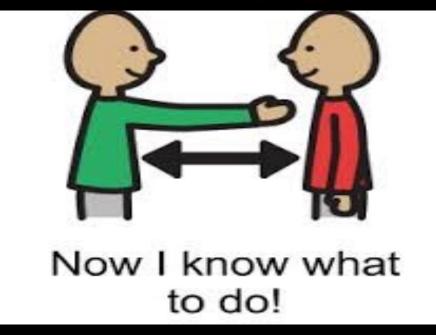


Cross Cultural Gaps

- One finger calling someone vs using your whole hand
- Eye contact
- When can u hug a Somali?





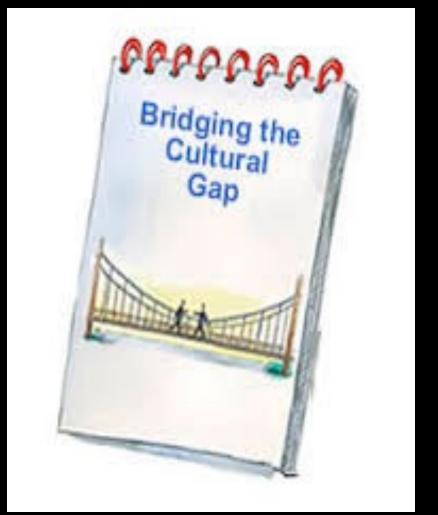


Personal Space

- Gender and Age specific
- Hand Shakes or Hugs
 - Best advice, let themlead.

CULTURAL GAPS

- Dogs
- Don't believe in the nodding
- Lack of communication



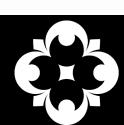




Business

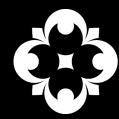
- Taxi Companies
- Malls

African
Development
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of Minnesota





Somali Malls in the Twin cities



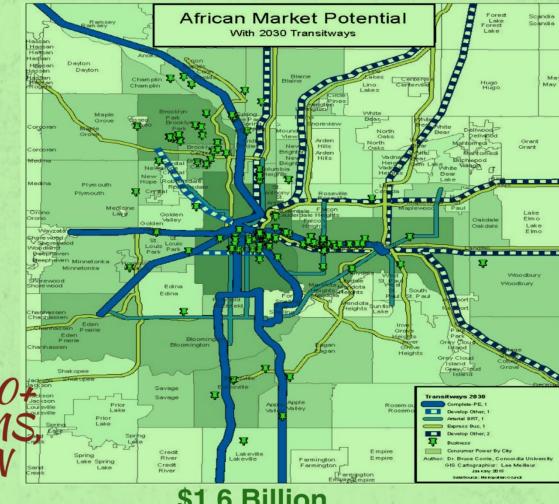


\$183 MILLION MN TAXES



70 %

2000 FIRMS MN

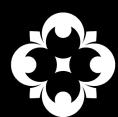


\$1.6 Billion INCOME





\$166 Million MN CHARITIES/ AFRICA





\$37 BILLION LIFETIME EARNING POTENTIAL OF CURRENT STUDENTS



SOMALI NOW

- NewGovernment
- Still Challenges







The Home Visit what to keep in mind

1. Taking Shoes off by the door.

May be offered food or drink (often they are icebreakers)





\$ ADDITIONAL INCOME

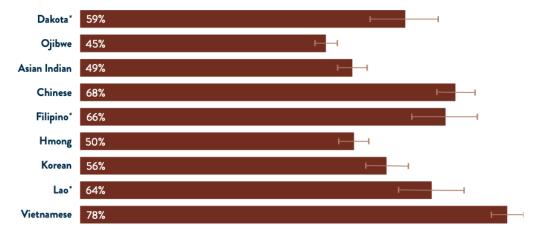
INCOME VERIFICATION

family saving and family fundraising can explain unexpected income or purchase including expensive trips or other unsual purchase

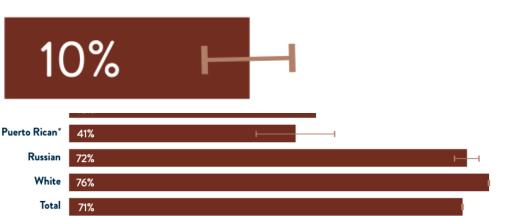
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Guidance Residential's Declining Balance Co-Ownership Program Cont.

SHARIA-COMPLIANT

(Declining Balance Co-ownership Program)



The home buyer and Guidance agree to be co-owners in the property



The two parties buy the home, and the ownership in the property is determined by each party's down payment 3) å , <mark>å</mark> (

The home buyer makes monthly payments to Guidance. Part of the payment is a utility fee for full use of the home, and the rest is a payment to increase the buyers ownership in the property.

4) A 100x

Over the course of the arrangement, the home buyer purchases all of the Guidance's ownership stake and becomes the sole owner of the property.

CONVENTIONAL MORTGAGE



The home buyer arranges a loan from a bank or mortgage company according to a fixed or floating interest rate.



The home buyer purchases the home



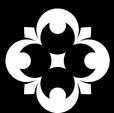
The home buyer makes monthly payments to repay principal and interest on the loan.



Over the course of the loan, the home buyer repays the debt in full.

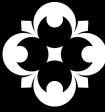
Key Recommendations

- 1. Trainings and follow up trainings!
- 2. Build connections with local community organizations. Mosques in your area tend to be a great place to start that relationship. Local leaders perhaps, the local imam.
- 3. Deeper connection with your clients/employees
- 4. Hiring Somali Staff (not just interpreters)
 - 1. (don't position them to be a replacement for a comprehensive training)





Islam



- Somali's are 99% Muslims
- Understanding Islam and Muslims a key to Understand Somali culture



Explaining the Process





Question & Answers Suaal & Jawaab

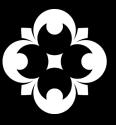
e-ska waran How are you?

Fii ana hay Doing good

Maalin wanaag-san

Good day





THANK YOU!



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