



DAY FIVE– FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2022– 10:00 AM

Refugees Welcome: Applying Compassion and Cultural Competency to our Work with Refugee Communities

Session Description:

In this session, we will gain a better understanding of the refugee experience, the hardships faced, and the ways in which we can welcome and serve our newest of neighbors with open minds and open hearts.

Bio:

Kim Barbarji is a non-profit professional who has spent the majority of her career working in human services, from supporting survivors of domestic/sexual violence, at-risk foster, adoptive, and kinship families, families experiencing homelessness, and the state-level systems serving children/youth victims of crime. For several years, she has been an active volunteer with organizations supporting both resettled refugees, as well as asylum seekers. In Fall 2019, Kim spent 5 weeks in the E. Aegean region of Greece, working with Non-Governmental Organizations on the front lines of the refugee crisis, providing training on Trauma/Vicarious Trauma, coordination team consultations on volunteer welfare, and offering direct support through 1:1 sessions. She currently works as the Executive Director of the small, grassroots organization, Hampton Roads Refugee Relief, as well