

# Who We Are

## OUR HISTORY

Established in 1999, ISSA-USA has worked on overcoming the social and mental health issues affecting the Muslim community. Despite the mental health stigma, a group of social service providers were determined to bring attention to the mental health and social welfare issues that were impacting Muslims everyday. They believed ISSA-USA could be the link between social issues and Islam.

## MISSION

ISSA-USA's mission is to provide training about Islamic beliefs and values so that social service and mental health providers can take them into consideration while providing care for the Muslim community. We also aim to educate Muslim community leaders on establishing social and mental health services in their communities.

## VISION

Through our education, training, technical assistance, research, mentorship and collaboration, we anticipate an intercultural competent social service network. A network that ensures Muslims a high quality of life.

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# What We Do

## OUR APPROACH

ISSA-USA provides training and capacity building resources to develop cross-cultural awareness among Muslims.

## OUR OBJECTIVES

**STUDY:** Provide support, technical assistance and leadership in the study of human service issues American Muslims face.

**ADVOCATE:** Educate and train providers about best practices considering Islamic beliefs and traditions.

**NETWORK:** Develop opportunities for mainstream providers and Muslim community leaders to network, build partnerships, and address the needs facing their local communities.

**RAISE AWARENESS:** Educate Muslims about social services, mental health, family and marriage, behavioral health concerns, and the professions that address them.

# Current Programs

## MUSLIM CULTURE AND FAITH DIVERSITY TRAINING

To increase knowledge, skills and awareness about the Muslim community, its traditions, beliefs and practices in America among mainstream providers.

## CHILDREN OF ADAM PROJECT

To increase knowledge and empathy about each other as Muslims.

## MENTORSHIP IN MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS

To mentor young adults who want to explore mental health professions.

## SAKINAH HEALTHY MARRIAGE INITIATIVE

To train individuals on how to implement marriage preparation, premarital education, newlywed mentorship and marriage enrichment programs in their communities.

## BEST PRACTICE NETWORKING

To provide platforms for local social service and mental health advocates to share their knowledge and experience with other similar programs across the country.

# How You Can Help

## RUN FOR A POSITION

**Time commitment:** 5-10 hrs/month

ISSA-USA is looking for dedicated individuals who believe in our purpose. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, reach out to us at [info@issausa.org](mailto:info@issausa.org).

## BE A VOLUNTEER

**Time commitment:** 2-10 hrs/month

Volunteering is a great way to help! Email us at [info@issausa.org](mailto:info@issausa.org) for ways you can volunteer.

## SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE AS PART OF THE ISSA NETWORK

**Time commitment:** Varies

Share your expertise as part of the network. We are always looking for professionals to add to our circle whether you have a lot or a little time to share. Your knowledge and experience is essential! Contact us at [info@issausa.org](mailto:info@issausa.org).

## DONATE HERE!

**Time commitment:** 5 minutes

We understand if you don't have time to dedicate to ISSA-USA. If this is the case for you donate here today!

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