

# Every Student Connected: Building Capacity to Connect With Immigrant Students and Their Families



Positive school relationships and experiences for students can lead to improved attendance, achievement, and behavior. School connectedness can also impact student career aspirations and mental well-being.

The student population of Hennepin County schools is rapidly changing. This creates new challenges for school staff to build strong connections with students and families from a broad variety of backgrounds.

#### Workshop includes:

- Concrete ideas for strengthening school connectedness with families from diverse backgrounds.
- An opportunity to hear from a diverse panel representing the Liberian, Latino, and Somali communities.
- Small group question and answer sessions with panel members.

#### Forum presenters:

- Abdulahi Farah, Richfield Public Schools
- Victoria Karpeh, Liberian community member
- David Zalaya, Richfield Public Schools

Sponsored by the Initiative for Violence-Free Families at Family & Children's Service, the Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, and the Hennepin County Attorney's Office



**Friday, October 10, 2008**

**Brookdale Library**

**6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy.**

**Brooklyn Center, MN 55430**

**8:30 a.m.—noon**

**(Registration at 8 a.m.)**

Individual or Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Member Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees\*:**

\$20 individual

\$10 per person for teams of 3-5

\* Preregistration and payment are required.

**Please make check or money order payable to Family & Children's Service.**

**Mail "Every Student Connected" registration and check to:**

Accounts Receivable  
Family & Children's Service  
414 S. 8th St.  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

To fax registration: 612-729-2616  
To phone in a registration: Becca Anderson at 612-728-2084  
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**Registration due by October 3, 2008.** Space is limited.