



# 2025 Welcoming Interactive Agenda

Huntington Place | Detroit, MI

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## Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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| <b>7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b>  | Check-In/Registration  |
| <b>8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b> | Morning Community Tours<br><i>Check-in &amp; intro 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m..   Tours 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</i>   |
| <b>8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b> | Pre-Interactive Session: Relational Leadership in Divisive Times   |
| <b>10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</b> | Pre-Interactive Session: Language Access Bootcamp  |
| <b>12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</b> | Afternoon Community Tours<br><i>Check-in &amp; intro 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m..   Tours 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</i> |
| <b>2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</b>  | Documentary Film Screening: "To the State of the Good Life: An American's Dream"                               |
| <b>6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>  | Opening Reception  |

## Wednesday, May 21, 2025

<b>6:15 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.</b>	Qigong Class
<b>6:20 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.</b>	Riverfront Exercise Activity
<b>7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b>	Check-In/Registration
<b>8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.</b>	Breakfast
<b>9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</b>	Opening Plenary
<b>10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</b>	Break   Book Sale & Signing
<b>10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b>	Breakout Sessions  <i>Option 1: Universal Gestures: A Collaborative Communication Campaign to Inspire Action</i>  <i>Option 2: Welcoming Black Immigrants in Black Communities</i>  <i>Option 3: Fostering Belonging through Volunteer-Led English Programs</i>  <i>Option 4: Strategy Alignment and Power Mapping to Advance Welcoming Work</i>  <i>Option 5: Exposing and Responding to Anti-immigrant Threats Locally</i>  <i>Option 6: Fostering Trust with Law Enforcement Amid Increased Immigration Enforcement</i>  <i>Option 7: Language Access Planning: A Guide for Local, State and Federal Entities</i>
<b>12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.</b>	Break
<b>12:15 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.</b>	Lunch Plenary
<b>1:40 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.</b>	Break   Book Sale & Signing

## Wednesday, May 21, 2025 (continued)

**2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Breakout Sessions

*Option 1:* Circles of Support: Addressing Migration Trauma and Strengthening Wellbeing

*Option 2:* Improving the Quality of Local Language Access

*Option 3:* Connecting Cultures - A Case Study of a Midwest Community Ready to Grow!

*Option 4:* Establishing Multicultural Advisory Boards: An Example from Memphis, TN

*Option 5:* Navigating Harsh Environments: Success Stories from Welcoming Communities

*Option 6:* Natural Helpers: Effective Cross-Cultural Community Building

*Option 7:* Empowering New American Women: Building Bridges Through Entrepreneurship

**3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

Break

**3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.**

Breakout Sessions

*Option 1:* Do You Hear Me? Centering Immigrant Student Voices to Build Welcoming Schools

*Option 2:* Addressing Housing Challenges through Innovative Rental Subsidy Solutions

*Option 3:* Building a Statewide Welcoming Team: Lessons from North Dakota

*Option 4:* Building Inclusive Workforce Development and Talent Initiatives

*Option 5:* Learning from Italian Economic Cooperatives

*Option 6:* Dabke History and Dance as a Form of Cultural Preservation

*Option 7:* Welcoming in an Era of Climate Change

*Option 8:* Building Welcoming Narratives Through Strong Networks

## Thursday, May 22, 2025

**6:15 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.** Total Body Work + Flow Class

**8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** Check-In/Registration

**8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast

**9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.** Closing Plenary

**10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** Break

**10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Breakout Sessions

*Option 1: Inclusive Civic Participation for Rural Immigrant Communities*

*Option 2: Advocacy Responses to Anti-immigrant Law Enforcement Policies*

*Option 3: Build Social Cohesion between Immigrants and Long-Term Residents*

*Option 4: Building the Infrastructure and Capacity for Belonging*

*Option 5: Community-Centered Language Justice Practices*

*Option 6: Bridging the Gap: English Upskilling for Workforce and Community Impact*