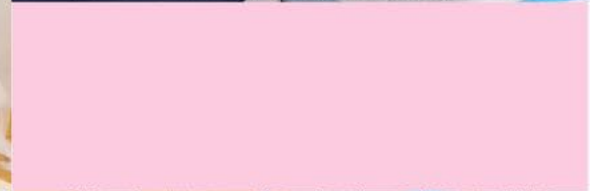


Afghan Health Initiative



Promoting Health through Lived Experience



Who are we?

- Afghan Health Initiative (AHI), is a grass-roots non-profit organization in the State of Washington founded by current and former immigrants and refugees who were trying to navigate the complexities of their new lives.
- Today, we are the only official nonprofit organization registered under the State of Washington with lived experience catering to the changing needs and health disparities facing Afghan immigrants in our community.



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www.afghanhealth.org

Our Vision & Mission:

AHI provides culturally proficient and linguistically appropriate social support services and health promotion advocacy to low-income new refugees from Afghanistan as well as our Iraqi, Arabic-Speaking, and Somali communities in King County.

AHI's mission is to serve the immigrant and refugee population in Washington State by promoting community-based public health interventions which target social determinants of health thereby increasing equal access to health, education, and economic independence.

Afghan Health Initiative holds a strong commitment to ensure the voices of Afghan and other refugee populations are not only heard and counted in data, but their needs are known and met through equitable culturally and linguistically appropriate preventative health and social services.



COVID-related referral during
pandemic?

Considering the high level of trust both Afghan community and stakeholders have to AHI, we have a functional referral mechanisms in place:

Direct referral to federally approved health institutes like SeaMar, HealthPoint and other local clinics

COVID-related referrals for vaccine, testing, quarantine etc.

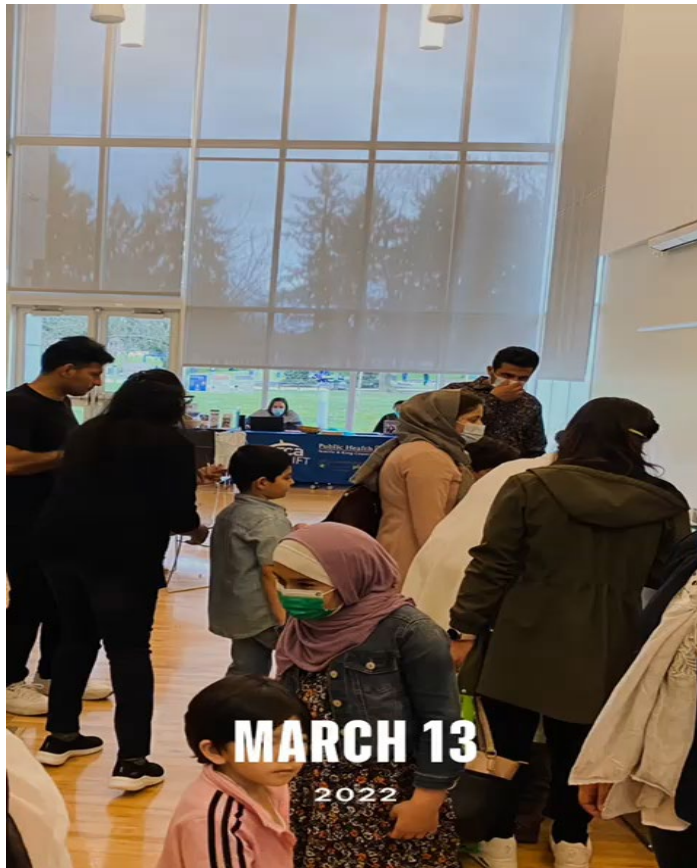
Two-way communication with King County Public Health for EBLL programs and downtown public health refugee screening clinic

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1. Quarterly Vaccine pop-up clinics
2. In-language resources
3. Weekly COVID update (Flyer, short videos, one-pages)
4. In-person assistance for vaccine/testing appointment and doctor visits
5. <https://nrcrim.org/webinar-best-practices-covid-19-prevention-and-mitigation-among-afghan-communities>

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Challenges

- Due to HIPPA and growing status of our community, direct follow up is difficult for external referrals
- Resources are limited
- Conspiracy theories/cultural differences can hinder the efforts





Any Questions?

