

Nomination to Steering Committee of City-County AFFH Task Force

At the last full Task Force meeting The Allegheny County County Immigrants and Internationals Advisory Committee has nominated Yinka Aganga-Williams, Phd, Executive Director of Acculturation for Justice, Access, and Peace Outreach (AJAPO)

More about AJAPO from their website:

The Mission of AJAPO is to provide a continuum of care which empowers refugees and immigrants residing in the Greater Pittsburgh Communities and Allegheny County to become self-sufficient and better integrated into our communities.

*Since its inception in 2001, AJAPO has successfully implemented Service Coordination programs for refugees/immigrants through provision of trainings for acculturation, life skills, leadership/conflict resolution skills, counseling, support and referrals for access to education, **housing**, medical, welfare benefits, and legal services. In addition, AJAPO provides interpretation and cultural competency services to improve relationships between clients and other service providers. Annually, AJAPO serves up to 300 people.*

Population Served

AJAPO serves refugees from the following nations: Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Nepal, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra-Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Trinidad, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Donors and Sponsors

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Current members of the AFFH Task Force Steering Committee include:

- Commissioner Mary Gibson: Vice Chair of the Allegheny County Commission on Human Relations
- Commissioner Helen Gerhardt, member of PCHR Housing Committee
- Lyle Wood, Investigative Supervisor of the PA Human Relations Commission
- Jay Dworin: Executive Director of the Fair Housing Partnership
- Paul O'Hanlon: Housing Rights Attorney, Co-Chair of City-County Task Force on Disabilities
- Commissioner John Tague: City-County Task Force on Disabilities
- Robert Damewood: Housing Rights Attorney, Regional Housing Legal Services
- Angela Reynolds: United Way: Director PA 211 Southwest, and Helping Families Thrive, Research Director for University of Pittsburgh Center for Metropolitan Studies
- Ronell Guy: Executive Director of the Northside Coalition for Fair Housing
- Carl Redwood: Chair of Board of the Hill District Consensus Group
- LaTasha Mayes: Executive Director of New Voices Pittsburgh
- Peter Harvey: Community Resource Specialist at Allegheny County Department of Human Services
- Renee Robinson: Workforce Innovation & Policy Officer at Action Housing
- Cherylie Fuller, Executive Director of the Homewood Concerned Citizens Council
- Molly Nichols: Community Organizer, Pittsburghers for Public Transit