

## RISS Committee - NPT Partnership ITP

### Invitation To Participate™

#### **Refugee and Immigrant Support Services Committee ITP NPT Partnership / Next Door Neighbors and American Graduate**

**Committee Vision:** Define and provide the supports needed by refugee and immigrant families - and teachers, principals, guidance counselors and other school staff - to help children succeed in MNPS schools, careers and community.



**Description:** Did you know that more than 100 languages are spoken by **MNPS** students? Nashville has become a center of rich cultural diversity. This diversity brings a unique challenge in educating children and fostering success. The **Refugee and Immigrant Support Services Committee** works to align the resources available to refugee and immigrant families in Nashville to meet their basic and educational needs. In addition, **RISS** is committed to improving cultural responsiveness in schools and in the community, engaging parents and families, increasing graduation rates for English language learners and improving college and career readiness among refugee and immigrant students.

By partnering with **Nashville Public Television** in 2013, the **RISS Committee** will provide and promote opportunities to view **Next Door Neighbors** programs and/or **American Graduate** programs and facilitate community discussions around cultural awareness, competence, responsiveness, acceptance and the challenges facing immigrant students.

**NPT's** award winning **Next Door Neighbors** series looks at Nashville's status as a new destination city for refugees and immigrants, and explores the rich diversity of people now calling Nashville home. **The American Graduate** half-hour documentary, **NPT Reports: Translating the Dream**, takes an in-depth look at the graduation rate among ELL and immigrant students in Tennessee; the challenges they face that can prevent them from graduating on time; how schools and teachers are trying to address this increasingly demanding need; and how all of us are impacted when students drop out of school.

**Target Population:** Davidson county adults

**What we need from you:** Will you open your doors to a presentation and discussion?

In order to engage communities and schools in a community-wide conversation to promote cultural awareness, competence, responsiveness and acceptance, we are seeking community and school partners to bring **Next Door Neighbors** and **American Graduate** presentations and discussions to their school, organization, business, etc.

Potential partners may include, but are not limited to, the following...

MNPS school administration or staff

Parent/teacher organizations

Non-profit organizations

Healthcare providers

Civic clubs

Businesses

Faith-based centers/places of worship

Metro agencies

Colleges/Universities

Other

In addition, we are seeking individuals who would like to receive facilitation training in order to become a part of our presentation network.

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