

Focus Group End of Year Report for 2018

Name of Focus Group: African Families Focus Group

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I. What were the focus group major activities or accomplishments this year?

The African Families Focus Group has been working diligently to fulfill some of the areas of interest the group deemed important. The major activities are as follow:

- Making our focus group the best informative platform for African families. Hence we will be holding during San Diego NCFR conference a round table symposium on “Children of African immigrants facing bullying within the U.S. school system”.
- Research is being conducted to map out the African refugee/asylees population within San Diego because research has shown that for nearly a decade, it has received more African refugees than any other county in California.

We are eager and look forward to our focus group meeting in San Diego to reach out to African immigrant communities and visit some schools with large numbers of African immigrant children to start the conversation and to give them a voice to express themselves their challenges.

II. What has your focus group done during the past year to further NCFR’s inclusion and diversity initiatives?

- We are planning to have an Art Exhibit to share African cultures to fulfill the wish of the group.
- We are also planning to engage in research in all areas of concern including family life, family relations, immigration challenges, diaspora challenges, harmful traditional practices, home and school challenges...

III. Please, list any concerns, questions or suggestions

The African Families focus Group would like to know if NCFR has funds to assist in financing the whole or part of the transportation to bring in some members of the African refugees/asylees/immigrants to the conference. We would like to remind NCFR members that San Diego has the largest African refugee population of California and that would be beneficial to all of us to engage them in a meaningful conversation.