

Hmong came to the U.S. as war refugees starting in 1975 following their involvement with the U.S. CIA efforts during the war in Vietnam. The 2010 US Census counted over 260,000 Hmong in the U.S. and almost 70,000 Hmong in Minnesota. Hmong continue to face wide disparities in the areas of employment, education, healthcare, housing, and they continue to face discrimination and racism as they make their lives in America.

Interests

Using a systems approach to examine concerns at all levels of society including micro, mezzo and macro levels.

Disparities related to economic, educational, healthcare, and housing.

Access issues related to employment, healthcare, education, personal and public safety.

Advocating for equality and anti discrimination in all levels of society.

Tackling issues related to policy, service delivery, and direct services with clients who face cultural and language barriers, and social issues affecting the Hmong community.

Minnesota Hmong Social Workers Coalition

Open to ALL Hmong social workers: those holding a social work degree, social work students, graduate and undergraduate, with or



Purpose:

To bring together Hmong Social Workers in Minnesota to network, discuss current trends and community needs, share resources and best practices, reflect, and provide peer to peer support and consultation.

Mission:

A space to develop Hmong Social Workers as leaders in the field.

Goals:

Share resources
Network

Provide consultation and support
Leadership, training and education
opportunities

Self care

Identify growth opportunities
Discuss current trends and areas of
need within the community

Vision:

To create a strong network of Hmong Social Workers to respond to the community's needs by harnessing the talent of Hmong Social Workers in Minnesota.

Values:

We embrace the cardinal social work values of social justice in that all members of society have a right to equal access to all resources available to them.



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