



*Serving Immigrant and Refugee  
Communities*

## ORGANIZATION FACT-SHEET

### MISSION

The Somali American Community Association, Inc. (SACA) is a not-for-profit, 501 C (3) organization, based in Silver Spring, Maryland. The mission of SACA is to promote the well-being of refugees and immigrants through service and support.

### OUR PROGRAMS

All of our programs are managed and implemented by volunteers. Volunteers who work with children go through FBI background check, thanks to our partnership with National Mentoring Association and participation of Protect Act Public Law passed by US Congress.

#### Mobile Family Learning Center

- Student Program - Provides Somali language, academic enrichment, college preparatory, and career awareness, and safety and healthy lifestyle workshops.
- Adult Program - Program for underemployed and unemployed adults to provide opportunities for computer training, job development, and GED preparation sessions, to mention a few.

#### Family – Tutor Connection

Modeled after the National Literacy Council, the program identifies, trains, and conducts FBI background check of volunteers and connects them with families who are unable to assist their children with homework, while also assisting parents navigate through school administration and related challenges.

#### Higher Education Program

Recruits qualified professionals to mentor college students gain knowledge in their fields of interest and to expand their professional networking and conducts college planning workshops.

#### Language Assistance Services

Provides translation and interpretation services to Somalis with limited English proficiency, while also navigating families through health, criminal justice, social, and school systems, to mention a few.

#### Health Promotion & Education

Designed to improve health behavior (including health seeking behavior) and healthy lifestyle of our target population through outreach and community health fair.

#### Information and Referral Services

Refers and links our target population to pro bono legal, health, and social service programs, including safety-net providers and other community programs.

#### Advocacy and Support Services

Provides advocacy and support to recent immigrants and works with resettlement, housing, and public service programs.

#### Save Somalia: Humanitarian and Refugee Awareness Campaign

Educates the public and elected officials about the humanitarian and refugee crisis experienced by Somali people in Somalia and outside of Somalia.