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Milwaukee, WI –The International Learning Center (ILC), a program of Neighborhood House of Milwaukee, is honored to have been selected to present at an upcoming national conference for adult educators, the first joint COABE/ ProLiteracy Conference, “Coming Together in Chicago.” It will be held at the Chicago Hilton on South Michigan Avenue, Tuesday, March 16 through Friday, March 19, 2010 (more information is available at coabeproliteracy2010.org).

The International Learning Center, located at 639 North 25th Street in Milwaukee, is the city’s and state’s leading center for refugees. The ILC serves more than 600 refugees annually and their families from as many as 25 countries. The ILC provides programs in citizenship, literacy and numeracy, daily living skills in their new culture, and a licensed day care, as well as medical and trauma referrals.



The ILC’s presentation is titled "Refugees' Stories: Perspectives on the Challenges of Cultural Adjustment in the US." A centerpiece of the presentation features a video of ILC staff members from Hmong, Lao, and Somali Bantu refugee groups sharing their experiences of adjusting to life in the US, with particular regard to education and language learning. Participants will discuss refugees' special needs, and what instructional strategies can help refugees be more successful students, parents, and community members.



The ILC’s presentation at the COABE/ProLiteracy Conference is scheduled for Thursday March 16th at 3pm at the Chicago Hilton, 720 South Michigan Avenue in Chicago. It will be presented by ILC Instructors Nora Dahl and Sally Kuzma. For more information, contact the International Learning Center at 414.344.4777 ilcmilwaukee.wordpress.com or ILC’s parent organization at www.nh-milw.org.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER

The mission of the International Learning Center is to enable refugees and immigrants to function effectively as parents, employees and citizens. Through learner-centered education, the International Learning Center provides individuals with opportunities to develop intellectual, social and life skills in a secure, nurturing environment where all cultures are valued and respected by staff and participants. The ILC is one of only three citizenship program in Milwaukee to be accredited by the U.S. Board of Immigration Appeals and was one of only a handful of national recipients of the 2008 Ray Solem Award for excellence in immigration services. The ILC provides English as a Second Language, reading and math tutoring, citizenship programs, and a licensed preschool, as well as emotional support and medical and trauma referrals for refugees, many who have been victims of war atrocities, genocide and famine in African, Asia or the Middle East.



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