



*Serving Somali Americans
& Somali Immigrants in Maryland*

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 the Somali refugees and Somalia Americans by providing a range of supportive services.

OUR PROGRAMS

All of our programs are managed and implemented by volunteers. All of our 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, safety and healthy lifestyle workshops.
- Adult Program - Program for underemployed and unemployed adults, particularly women – to provide computer training, job development, and GED preparation sessions.

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 challenges.

Language Assistance Services

SACA volunteers provide 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. SACA is a member of the Montgomery County Volunteer Center's Language Bank to provide translation and/or interpretation services for County government agencies and non-profit organizations at no cost.

Health Promotion & Education

The Health Promotion and Education program is designed to improve health behavior (including health seeking behavior) and healthy lifestyle of our target population through outreach and community health fair. Funding from Montgomery County, Maryland, is being used, in part, to develop and print Somali language and culturally sensitive health-related publications.

Information and Referral Services

We refer and link our target population to health and social services programs, including safety-net providers and other community programs many of which are listed in the Guide to Community Services, published by the Department of Health and Human Services.