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## Press Release

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For Immediate Release

### **Oneida County Health Department Hosts Refugee Health Fair**

Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) will host its first ever Refugee Community Health Fair. The fair will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium at Westminster Moriah/Olivet Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 714 Washington St. Utica, NY. The entrance is on Broadway Street, across from Hanna Park.

The health fair is an opportunity for local organizations to promote healthy behaviors and to connect with refugees in the Utica community. This health fair is geared towards Karen, Burmese and Nepali refugees in our community. The OCHD staff has collaborated with local clergy to reach out to these populations prior to the event to educate them of the importance of immunization and inform them of the event. Health education will be presented to refugees in a fun and diverse environment. Refugees are provided with interpretation services as needed in order to fully participate in activities and communicate with booth holders.

The health fair will offer free health screenings for blood pressure and cholesterol. Immunizations for adults will be available for flu, Tdap, and pneumonia. The OCHD is increasing the overall health of refugees in Utica by constructing this health fair. It is aimed at improving cultural awareness in the community and gaining experience in caring for the growing refugee population.

Please call the OCHD with any questions concerning this event 315.798.5748.

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