



## How can you help?

All our programs are provided free of charge. However, in order to sustain our services, we heavily depend on external financial support. Your generous donation would definitely help us move forward and pave the way for a better, diverse and integrated community .

NEAAO is classified as a 501C3 organization. As such, your donations are tax deductible (please check your accountant for more information).

You can help us or contribute by:

- Making a direct monetary donation via check or cash.
- Support our special events and programs.
- Becoming a regular or casual volunteer.
- Spread the word about our services

To make a donation or for any further information about NEAAO, do not hesitate to reach us via phone, email or visit our website.

## Who We Are

### About Us

We are an energetic group of first generation immigrants who are passionate about advocating for our mission and vision. Our experience as immigrants puts us at an advantage as we understand the integration and inclusion problems new immigrants are facing. We speak the same language, share the same culture, cherish the same values and concerns. Using this knowledge and understanding makes us more effective than any other service in helping new Arab immigrants better integrate and positively contribute to our new society.

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*Bridging the culture gap for a healthier, better integrated community*

## Our Mission

**New England Arab American Organization** is the bridge between Arab and American cultures. We aim to give new Arab refugees and immigrants the tools to integrate into their new communities and prepare for a better educated future.



## The Struggles

Arab immigrants experience various feelings of grief during their transition. They struggle with the loss of their home country, family and language.

In particular, women and children are most targeted and impacted by those changes.

Women are especially isolated as they are in constant fear of being judged and potentially harmed due to their different appearance and culture. On the other hand, many children suffer from severe losses in motivation, leading to chronic absence and even early dropouts.

## Our Vision

Our vision is to create an environment where women and children feel safe. In this safe space, we assist in building a supportive community by eliminating barriers in culture and language through interactive opportunities with the community.

In this way, NEAAO can create a roadmap to educate and prepare a new generation of Arab Americans who enrich the diversity of our community and positively contribute to the growth and prosperity of our great state and country.

## Target Communities

No matter what country, dialect, religion, age or gender, NEAAO serves all immigrants that speak the Arabic language.

Looking forward, we are planning to expand our services throughout the state of Maine with a hub in every major city. Currently, we are focused on Westbrook where the Arab immigrant population has recently risen sharply.

***NEAAO aims to create a hub to serve Arab immigrants (refugees and asylum seekers) to fight all social issues and struggles causing the isolation of individuals.***



## Our Services

NEAAO provides an array of services for Arab immigrant men, women, children and families by supporting the resolution of different social issues to pave a healthier future in Maine.

- Advocate for Women's rights to prevent domestic violence and isolation by supporting with challenges and education
- Allow every child to live life to its fullest by minimizing the risk of child abuse and substance abuse
- Support higher education for teens
- Assist Arab immigrants in social integration through training for better opportunities in the workforce

Some of our programs include:

- Community and school Group Outreach
- Arabic language school
- Parenting groups
- Tailored workshop (Health, leadership, support and intervention)
- Transition support with Art Intervention, Storytelling, Theater, Music
- And many more to come