



Islamic Social Services  
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Federation of Canadian Muslim Social Services

# **Three-day Training for Imams, Community Leaders, Mental Health and Social Work Professionals**

**November 27- 29, 2017**

**Counseling Canadian Muslims and Newcomers**

**Monday 12:30 pm to 6 pm - Tuesday 8:30 am to 5 pm – Wednesday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm**

**Monday and Tuesday: After Dinner Round Tables (optional)**

**Hilton Suites Hotel Airport Winnipeg, Canada**

This training is comprehensive and intense. Please register early to avoid disappointment. We encourage communities to sponsor their imams and community workers and absorb the cost of their travel and registration. This is an investment that is beneficial, critical and urgently needed.

**Why?** The crisis of growing social issues and the lack of appropriate services in Muslim communities in North America are creating an environment of fear and panic. ISSA has the expertise and the know-how to help communities meet these needs professionally, consistently and proactively.

The burden of preventing further escalation of family breakdown and to initiate intervention towards an amicable resolution in the spirit of Islamic justice and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, ISSA is responding to this need by bringing Muslim and non-Muslim experts from across North America to train front line respondents within the Muslim Community.

*“He who alleviates the suffering of a brother (in this) world, Allah will alleviate (his suffering) on the Day of Judgment” (Prophet Muhammad)*

**This training program will deal with these critical areas:**

**Cultural competency:** working within diverse communities

**Marriage breakdown:** prevention, intervention and recovery

**Domestic violence:** wife abuse, child abuse, husband abuse, elder abuse, sibling abuse

**Addictions:** alcohol, drugs, pornography, social media

**Parent/youth relationships:** social scene, clash of values and crisis parenting

**Extremism and Islamophobia:** its impact on the psycho/social health of the community

**Trauma and its impacts**

**Sexuality and identity issues**

**Working with special needs**

**Registration Cost: \$550 double occupancy** - This includes:

- ❖ Course registration and material, 2 nights' accommodation (November 27 and 28, 2017), 2 individuals per room
- ❖ Monday, Nov 27-lunch; Tuesday, Nov 28-breakfast and lunch; Wednesday, Nov 29-breakfast and lunch  
\*\*\*Dinner for Monday and Tuesday will be hosted by community sponsors
- ❖ Each participant will receive ISSA's Professional Guide for Canadian Imams
- ❖ Single occupancy \$700

**Deadline for registration: Nov 15, 2017**

Please note: Very limited space. Only 20 participants will be accepted.

**Requirement:** Participants must have a post secondary degree.

Kindly attach 2 recommendation letters from your community organization, mosques or Islamic Centres.

**For more information and registration please contact ISSA Canada at 204 944 1560 OR [info@issacanada.com](mailto:info@issacanada.com)**

**Go to [www.issacanada.com](http://www.issacanada.com) for a downloadable registration form.**

**Payment options include PayPal, cheque or invoice**

## **Objectives for November Training**

- Increase awareness of the types of family and social issues facing Muslims in North America
- Equip imams and frontline community workers in successfully accomplishing intake and initial assessment
- Make appropriate referrals through information sharing with various professional experts
- Participate in peer discussion and strategic planning on nontraditional issues facing Muslims
- Roundtable review of case studies participants were involved in, how cases were dealt with and what worked or what could have been done better
- Share information about specific areas of concern such as gang recruitment, addictions and abuse
- Learn how to identify marital conflicts and how best to help resolve them that are culturally and spiritually compatible and palatable
- Develop a framework through mutual consultation for networking, prevention strategies and intervention techniques
- Present ISSA's model for outreach and liaison with mainstream services through cooperation and collaboration on issues of mutual interest
- Formulate a spiritually integrated approach to social work and counseling based on ISSA's model
- Identify barriers and gaps in delivering services within the community
- Purge community of domestic abuse and a community-wide campaign to stimulate a zero tolerance approach to domestic violence
- Develop mediation skills to assist families with conflicts to come to a resolution
- Understand extremism and its impact
- Build skills to counsel families who have lost youth to extremism
- Understand the psychological impact of Islamophobia
- Gain a grasp of barriers facing children with special needs in the community

Participants will leave this training with a clear understanding, raised awareness, detailed information and skills to manage their responsibilities in helping Muslim Canadians resolve their issues and navigate systems.