

You're Invited!

# Changing Times - Changing Faces

## Workplace Diversity

Friday, June 22, 2018

8:30 AM Registration/Breakfast

9:00 AM to Noon

Franklin Community Center

221 Second Ave E, Franklin, MN 55333

### A Look at Our Region

**Luke Greiner**, Labor Market Analyst, MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Labor market information and discussion related to current and future workforce data beneficial to area employers



### The Times Are a'Changing

During an interactive presentation you will hear from:

- **Len Bakken**, Human Resources Director, JBS
- **Wendy Augeson**, Director, Southern Prairie Community Care
- **Amy Khamphanh**, Employment Counselor, SWMN PIC

Program professionals with their personal stories:

- **Kou Thao**, Housing Counselor, United Community Action
- **Samira Sheikh**, Resettlement Counselor, United Community Action
- **Marly Wagner**, Student Counselor, SMSU

Moderator:

- **Ron Skjong**, Program Manager, Karen Organization of Minnesota

Through personal stories, they will share their best workplace practices and the trials they've encountered as Southwest Minnesota (and, by extension, the entire state and nation) struggles with immigration issues and how regional social, educational and employment matters are affected by these struggles.

### Diversity is a Competitive Advantage.

Research shows organizations with employees of different ages, races, genders, religions, physical abilities and thinking styles perform better.

- Attract and retain quality employees
- Enhance performance and innovation
- Expand customer base
- Reduce risk of litigation

Register by June 15, 2018—[www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

**\$20.00 (includes breakfast & refreshments)**

This event is coordinated by the Southwest Initiative Foundation, Redwood Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, Redwood Area Development Corporation, Redwood County EDA, Renville County EDA, Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council, South Central Workforce Council, Southwest West Central Service Cooperative, Lower Sioux Community, Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services.

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