

Ali Shireh was born in Mogadishu and immigrated to Falls Church, Virginia with his family about 16 years and has lived in Minnesota since 1998. Ali has a Masters degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Saint Mary University of MN and an undergraduate degree in Human Services from Metro State University. Ali Shireh worked as a domestic violence program coordinator and facilitated domestic violence groups at African American Family Services. Ali has taken on a leadership role to assist in developing a domestic violence prevention program that will take the culture, religion, language and a taboo subject in the large Somali community in Minnesota. Ali is developing a Somali Domestic Violence Outreach and Education Project. The program will focus on domestic violence prevention, family violence, parenting and raising children in America. He worked for a number of community agencies in bridging the gap between the Somali community and service providers in Hennepin County.