

Who does ACCESS hope to reach?

- ♦ Current and new residents with ethnically and culturally diverse backgrounds.
- ♦ Employers and organizations attempting to recruit and/or retain a diverse workforce and student base.
- ♦ Organizations that provide services and support to ethnically and culturally diverse groups within our community.
- ♦ International and ethnic residents including students, professionals and other citizens.
- ♦ Other interested parties and members of our community hoping to familiarize themselves with the many cultures that make up our community.

Do any of these sound like you? If so, contact ACCESS at (715) 341-1525 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. Ask how you can help by contacting one of the following people:

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What is ACCESS?

Portage County Multicultural Access (**ACCESS**), as a division of the Portage County Cultural Festival, Inc., is committed to helping and promoting a hospitable environment/culture wherein foreign and minority (especially new) residents of Portage County thrive and live productively. This benefits not only those who may access the resources but enriches the community as a whole through increased and sustained diversity of our population.

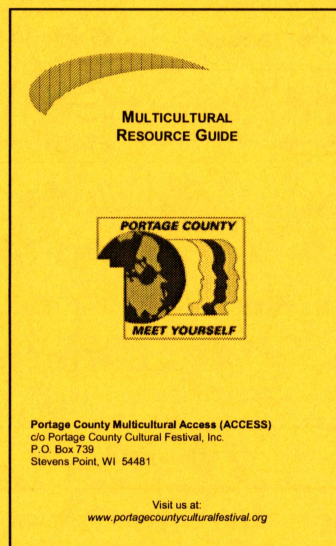
Why ACCESS?

The Central Wisconsin area faces significant challenges in recruiting and retaining people of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds to live and work within its communities. While there are many social and cultural issues involved, it is clear that there is a great deal more that can be done to welcome and help introduce newcomers to the area.

A number of cultural and ethnic support services exist in and around our community, but there has not existed an effective and efficient way to disseminate information about these services to the many stakeholders within our community that would benefit from the distribution of this information.



The initial project **ACCESS** has undertaken is the development of a **MULTICULTURAL RESOURCE GUIDE** and network of community resource persons to enhance the appeal of our community by helping acclimate newcomers to our community and provide opportunities for others to learn more about the cultural and ethnic diversity of Portage County:



To create this guide, **ACCESS** gathered information on culture-specific resources that are available within our county. This guide will help link people of diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds and assist them in supporting and celebrating their own unique cultures within our community. Resources will be updated periodically and the guide will be made available to a varied user base, locally and remotely, in multiple formats including print, electronic, online and eventually by telephone.

What resources are available through ACCESS?

Here is a listing of the types of resources available through **ACCESS**:

- ♦ Community Resource Person Links (*by country/culture*)
- ♦ Community Support
- ♦ Cultural Community Links
 - ♦ Clubs
 - ♦ Affinity organizations
- ♦ Cultural Support Services
 - ♦ Agencies
- ♦ Cultural Expression
 - ♦ Festivals
 - ♦ Celebrations
- ♦ Expressions of Faith
- ♦ Ethnic Food & Shopping
- ♦ Ethnic Restaurants
- ♦ Language Support
 - ♦ ESL
 - ♦ Interpreting services
- ♦ Speaker's Bureau (*by country/culture*)
- ♦ Additional Resources
 - ♦ Immigration services
 - ♦ Cultural publications