



Gate City Initiative's First Embracing Integration Symposium

On November 1 The Nashua Regional Planning Commission attended the first “Embracing Integration Symposium” sponsored by the Gate City Initiative, a subcommittee of the Nashua Ethnic Awareness Committee. The symposium was designed to focus on the refugee and immigrant population in the Nashua region. NRPC had a display booth filled with information about the roles of the commission and development of the regional plan. Aside from attending panel discussions and presentations, NRPC was selected to host the small group break-out sessions for this event. Topics covered during these sessions were based on the challenges that the refugee and immigrant populations face and opportunities for these barriers to be overcome. The four different discussion groups included many different professionals and community members such as teachers, police officers, immigrants, refugees, advocates, community volunteers, and many more. This opportunity gave both NRPC and the Gate City Initiative important feedback across all sectors of the communities we serve and has helped create an outlet for those who advocate for the successful integration of refugees and immigrants so they may share their opinions and stories.