

**A Resource List for
Cultural Organizations and Language Translators
Iowa Arts Council, Folklife Program**

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Fort Des Moines Memorial Park & Education Center (Black Officers Memorial)

Phyllis Swink and Caesar Smith
P.O. Box 35395
Des Moines, Iowa 50315-0304
1-888-828-FORT
(515) 282-8060
www.fortdesmoines.org

Iowa Commission on the Status of African Americans

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For My People: The 1st Annual Iowa African American Resource Directory & Biennial Statistical Report On The Status Of Iowa's African American Community

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Martin Luther King Center

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Waterloo, IA 50703
319-234-7543

**AMERICAN INDIAN/First Nations
People**

General Information

American Indian Council

Indian Employment & Training Program
Jennifer Hunt (Lakota & Omaha)
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Central Iowa Circle of First Nations

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Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Iowa

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Des Moines, IA 50312
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Taidam

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Danish Windmill

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The Danish Immigrant Museum

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Society of Italian Americans

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Swedish Heritage and Cultural Center

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Stanton, IA 51573
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ISLAMIC RESOURCES

Iowa Islamic Heritage & Culture Center: Mother Mosque of America

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52405
(319) 366-3150

Islamic Center of Des Moines

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Des Moines, IA 50322
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Islamic Center of Cedar Rapids

2999 1st SW Ave
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
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943 Cummins Parkway
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5101 Grand Ave
Des Moines, IA 50312
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Tifereth Israel Synagogue

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GENERAL SERVICES IN IOWA (NOT FOR PROFITS)

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Translation Services

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NATIONAL RESOURCES

National Voluntary Agencies

Office of Refugee Resettlement
<http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/orr/volags.htm#VOLAGS>

National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA

Communication Department
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International Rescue Committee

122 East 42nd Street
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irc@theIRC.org
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Immigration and Refugee Services of America

1717 Massachusetts Ave, NW #200
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Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

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