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Welcome to Anna!



Culture Connect would like to welcome our newest team member, Anna Zaytseva!

Anna Zaytseva came to Atlanta in March 2005. Anna received Bachelor's degree from Moscow Regional University. She spent

Welcome to The Path Between!

CONGRATULATIONS!



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Our Executive Director, **Ms. Alexis Dalmat**, has been selected for the **LEAD Atlanta Class of 2012!**

LEAD Atlanta is an intensive nine-month leadership development and community education program targeted at promising young professionals between the ages of 25 and 32 in Metro Atlanta. Established in 2004 as an initiative of Leadership Atlanta, the program is distinguished by its unique integration of personal, professional, and community education.

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husband on his international assignments, when she visited over 30 countries around the world.

As a first-generation Russian-American, Anna understands the immigrant's life inside out. That is why she had no hesitation about being a volunteer and helping her community when she moved to Atlanta. Later on, she successfully finished the Bringing the Gap medical interpreter class and became Russian medical interpreter. With all her passion Anna helped her community during many medical appointments and procedures and sincerely knows how important and valuable the interpreter role is. She believes that when we are helping others we are helping ourselves.

Anna has joined Culture Connect in 2008 as a freelance interpreter. In 2010 she became a Russian language coach in Culturesmart medical interpreter training. She also served The Southern Center for International Studies and The Coca-Cola Company. Recently she was offered a new role and will serve the Culture Connect as an Office Manager with a focus primarily on accounting procedures. Anna is very proud to live and work in Atlanta, the city, which gave her new home and brought a lot of amazing opportunities.

Thank you to Kie Sian Scibilia for your work on the team! We wish you every success in your new endeavors.

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alumni. These young leaders, and all who follow their example, represent the next generation of metro Atlanta's leaders.

Program Updates



On Saturday, June 11, Go-Betweeners® mentors, mentees, and families came together at East Roswell Park to participate in an expressive art workshop. Through art activities, each of our 27 participants reflected on and shared about his or her ancestry, strengths, desires, and the important people in his or her life.

We would like to thank Megan McSwain Mann for leading the workshop, Cristhian Molina for photographing the event, and our great volunteers Megan Allen, Sarah Bigelow, and Kenny Adcox for their great contributions to the workshop.

Culturesmart

Culture Connect would like to invite all qualified interpreters to apply for its upcoming **Culturesmart** medical interpreter trainings, which will take place on the following dates:

July Session: July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, and 20

October Session: October 31, November 2, 7, 9, 14, and 16

Each of these sessions will be taking place at **Piedmont Hospital** and there is a 25 participant limit for each class. To qualify for this course, participants must have previous experience interpreting in a medical setting and must be able to read and write in their target language. To learn more about Culturesmart and any of our upcoming sessions, contact the **Education & Advocacy Coordinator**, Sarah Otto, at (404) 292-8457 ext. 5# or program.coordinator@cultureconnectinc.org.

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Cultural Competency

Culture Connect would like to thank **Emory Grand Rounds** and **Clayton County International Center** for the opportunities to provide their staff with training on the issues of Cultural Competency and Being & Using Interpreters. We would particularly like to extend our gratitude to our wonderful volunteer facilitators, **Yvonne David** and **Jonathon Ross**.

Culture Connect was pleased to offer a combined 18 hours of fully customized material to meet their respective needs in the fields of medicine and education. Topics that these separate trainings touched upon included: dimensions of culture and how to be culturally competent; how to better serve families and patients from diverse backgrounds; federal laws that protect language access rights; the code of ethics all interpreters must follow; best practices for interpreters; and critical incidents that examined how culture shapes perception and impacts service.

If you would like to learn more about how your organization could receive this or similar training on cultural competency, please contact the **Education & Advocacy Coordinator**, Sarah Otto, at (404) 292-8457 ext. 5# or program.coordinator@cultureconnectinc.org.

In the Community

- June 28th, Tuesday, 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the Atlanta Community Food Bank - "**Town Hall Conversation: Safely and Effectively Navigating Healthcare Today**," hosted by CPACS, Campaign for Better Care, Piedmont Healthcare, and Georgia Watch.
- July 23rd, 10:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M., & July 24th, 11:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. at the Gwinnett Center in Duluth – "**Asian Cultural Experience Annual Event**." Information and tickets on sale at <http://www.asianculturalexperienceinga.com/main.php>.

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In the News

On May 13th, 2011, Governor Nathan Deal signed the "[Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement Act of 2011](#)," also known as **HB87**, into law. Under this new legislation, it is a crime to transport, bring to Georgia, or help an "illegal alien." It also creates a provision for police officers to require an individual

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