REFUGEE YOUTH TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS
OF THE COMPLETION OF COLLEGE-ACCESS SUMMER PROGRAM

Denver, CO – ECDC African Community Center’s On TRAC (Training Refugees Accessing College) college-access summer program for immigrant and refugee youth will be hosting a graduation ceremony Thursday, August 4, 2016 at Mango House. U.S. Representative Mike Coffman and U.S. Senator Michael Bennet will be giving remarks.

For many refugee youth navigating new social and academic environments while keeping up with their responsibilities at home can be overwhelming. On TRAC offers college literacy lessons while honoring the identities, experiences and strengths of refugee youth.

The course offers field trips to colleges, opportunities to develop personal statements, assistance with financial aid and scholarship applications, and space to reflect on individual lives while exploring future opportunities via higher education.

This summer, 80 students applied for On TRAC from various schools around the Denver metro area. Due to limited capacity, 19 students were selected and all successfully completed the college access program.

Managing Director, Melissa Theesen, states, “Most students in On TRAC will be the first in their families to attend higher education. We were overwhelmed and thrilled by the demand for the course this summer. We aim to increase its capacity in the future, giving students the chance to explore the possibilities around them and to prepare for opportunities that were once unimaginable.”

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