

Welcoming Strategies

Many communities provide useful services and education to others through after school mentoring programs, English as a Second Language classes, cultural education in dance and music, summer children and youth programs, Unity Day Celebrations, and study circles.



You can be a first contact and meet people as they arrive in your community.

One community offers classes to learn a few words of the newcomers' language so the English speakers can better communicate with their new Friends.



Remember, not all cultures are time oriented. Some societies do not use calendars or clocks, but emphasize spending time on human relationships.



Another community's grassroots effort to welcome and maintain friendships is a monthly East West Gathering to talk about cultures and provide a time to ask questions and share traditions.