



Ahmed Sahid

President & CEO, Somali Family Service of San Diego

Ahmed Sahid came to the United States in the 1990s, and is the founder, President & CEO of Somali Family Service of San Diego (SFS). SFS is a community-based social service non-profit organization that is dedicated to improving the lives of refugee and immigrant families in San Diego County through community-driven programs, that are culturally sensitive, linguistically appropriate, and research-based.

Ahmed has cultivated and continues to strengthen partnerships and collaborations with local and national organizations such as the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) and National Network for Arab American Communities to serve and actively advocate for refugees and immigrants in the areas of health/wellness, refugee integration, economic development, youth leadership, and civic engagement.

Ahmed has served on the San Diego Foundation Intergroup Relations Committee and the San Diego Refugee Forum. Ahmed also has received numerous awards including: the LEAD San Diego's Community Spotlight Award, 10 News Leadership Award, Molina Healthcare Community Champions Award, the KPBS Local Hero of the Year Award, San Diego Business Journal Most Admired CEO Finalist, and Neighborhood First – Making it Happen Merit Award for youth empowerment and gang prevention. Currently, Ahmed is overseeing the Somali Health Initiative for Access to Care (SHIFA). SHIFA is an innovative, culturally relevant, digital platform using 360 virtual reality to enhance patient engagement and education through image-based education modules to address misinformation about measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine.
