

January 21st, 2011

As Salaam Alaikum,

Please join us to coordinate Premarital Services for our Muslim Community!

ISSA-USA & Companionships' are offering a workshop for Premarital Services Training by **Imam Mohamed Majid** of ADAMS Center, President of ISNA and **Dr. Aneesah Nadir**, President of ISSA-USA on:

February 2nd & 3rd, 2011

Peaceful Families Training site

555 Grove St.

Herndon, VA, 20170

Hours: 9:00am – 4:00pm

This workshop is for Imams, Masjid administrators, and Community Group leaders who are regularly approached by members of the Muslim community with questions about marital services, premarital counseling, and related concerns. This workshop will provide real life tools and techniques to address these concerns within the community and provide practical advice, to pass on to community members.

We recommend this workshop for anyone who guides, coaches and counsels Muslims who are

- a) Seeking a spouse
- b) About to marry
- c) Already married & require marriage education or counseling to strengthen their marriage.

We especially want to target Imams/Khateeb/ Administrators who perform Nikhas, as we believe that premarital counseling, education and coaching are a good start to building a strong marriage.

SoundVision recently reported that approximately 1 in 3 marriages in North America end in divorce and most within the first few years. There are many surveys and statistics to support the chronic breakdown of the Muslim family within North America. What can be done, then, to jointly support individuals in building solid Muslim marriages? After all a solid marriage is the foundation of a solid family and any good community.

The following organizations have joined to sponsor ISSA-USA's Premarital Services Training in the Washington DC area. We recognize all our sponsors for their support;

Islamic Social Services Association-USA (ISSA-USA)
Muslim Alliance in North America (MANA)
M100 FOUNDATION

COMPANIONSHIPS
ADAMS CENTER
PEACEFUL FAMILIES

In 2008 Imam Mohamed Majid of ADAMS Center, President of ISNA and Dr. Aneesah Nadir, President of ISSA-USA facilitated a successful ISSA Premarital Services workshop in Chicago, which they will now offer in the greater Washington DC area. This day and a half workshop will be filled with the latest information on:

- 1) The status of Muslim marriages,
- 2) How to advise couples looking to marry,
- 3) Tools to provide a couple who is about to marry,
- 4) Information about ISSA's Sakinah Healthy Marriage Initiative
- 5) Resources on for imams and community leaders as they advise couples.
- 6) Opportunity to ask questions and share experiences with others for further collaboration.
- 7) Opportunity to sign on to the Healthy Marriage Covenant if you haven't already signed

Please identify individuals in your organization or community who would benefit from this workshop and have them register online at www.companionships.org.

We have limited space, please register ASAP for a guaranteed spot at the table.

Committed volunteers from all of the sponsor organizations have dedicated time and effort to bring you this workshop and are keeping cost down. All fees are to cover direct costs. We offer this day and a half workshop for \$50/per attendee. The price will be \$75/per attendee at the door.

We look forward to building a wide network of collaborative leadership to strengthen the Muslim community at large, Inshallah. If you would like further information, or have questions, please contact me directly at vaseem@companionships.org.

Sincerely,

Vaseem Ansari
Director, Companionships