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# Afrikana Community Center Inc.

Louisville, Kentucky | Established 2025



**One Community. Many Cultures. One Family.**  
**Together, We Rise.**

Afrikana connects African immigrant and refugee families in Louisville to housing, food, language support, education, and community - so every family can stabilize and thrive.

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# About Afrikana

Afrikana Community Center Inc. is a Louisville-based nonprofit created to help African immigrant and refugee families navigate life, access trusted resources, preserve cultural identity, and build long-term opportunity. Afrikana welcomes local families and community members from every background while maintaining a culturally responsive focus on the African diaspora.

## Founded from lived experience

Founder Aweys Ali arrived in the United States in 2004 and made Louisville home in 2008. After more than a decade of grassroots service, he founded Afrikana in 2025 so families would have a trusted place to connect, find guidance, strengthen their voices, and thrive together.

### QUICK FACTS

#### LEGAL NAME

Afrikana Community Center Inc.

#### STATUS

IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit

#### EIN

39-3585730

#### ESTABLISHED

2025 | Louisville, Kentucky

#### LANGUAGES

7+ languages represented by the team

#### SERVICE AREA

Louisville and surrounding communities

### MISSION

**Connect African immigrant and refugee families in Louisville to housing, food, language support, education, and community so every family can stabilize and thrive.**

### VISION

**A thriving, connected community where families have resources to succeed, children know their heritage, and people from many cultures are empowered to build a shared future.**

## Our New Community Space

In 2026, Afrikana secured a community space at 3050 W Broadway, Suite BB3, Louisville, KY 40211. The center is being activated as a welcoming home for youth activities, education, family support, meetings, cultural events, volunteer service, and partnership-based programming.

**"We are not just African - we are Afrikana: proud, united, and powerful."**

**- Aweys Ali, Founder & Executive Director**



# What We Do

Afrikana combines support available now with center-based programs that are being launched and expanded in 2026.

## 1 Family Support & Navigation

Referrals for food, housing, healthcare, legal services, and other essential needs.

## 2 Youth Development

Mentorship, tutoring, leadership, college preparation, sports, and safe activities.

## 3 Language & Education

English-language support, translation, interpretation, and educational workshops.

## 4 Employment & Opportunity

Job readiness, workforce navigation, skill development, and trusted referrals.

## 5 Culture & Community

Cultural preservation, intergenerational events, volunteer service, and belonging.

## 6 Whole-Family Programs

Women's empowerment, men's engagement, senior activities, and family workshops.

## 2026 Milestones



Women volunteers and community members at an Afrikana event in Louisville.

### SPACE

Secured a new community center space in Louisville.

### SERVICE

Active referrals, translation, and resource navigation.

### YOUTH

Hosted a Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway for local families.

### PARTNERS

Growing partnerships, volunteers, and community outreach.

Service note: Afrikana is not an emergency, medical, clinical, or legal provider. The organization connects families to qualified partner agencies and trusted resources.



# Leadership & Press Resources



## Aweys Ali

### Founder & Executive Director

Aweys Ali is a Somali-American community leader, author, and founder of Afrikana Community Center Inc. He arrived in the United States in 2004 and settled in Louisville in 2008. With more than 10 years of grassroots service, he has supported immigrant and refugee families through community leadership, mentorship, faith-based service, outreach, and resource connections. He founded Afrikana in 2025 to create a trusted, inclusive place where families can access support, preserve culture, and build opportunity.

### AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS ON

- African immigrant and refugee experiences in Louisville
- Youth opportunity, mentorship, education, and sports
- Culturally responsive family support and resource navigation

### STANDARD ORGANIZATION BOILERPLATE

Afrikana Community Center Inc. is an IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Louisville, Kentucky. Founded in 2025, Afrikana connects African immigrant and refugee families to housing, food, language support, education, and community resources. The organization provides referrals, translation, resource navigation, community outreach, and developing center-based programs in youth leadership, education, family support, employment, culture, and recreation. Afrikana welcomes local families and people from all backgrounds while maintaining a culturally responsive focus on African diaspora communities. In 2026, the organization secured a new community space to expand services, partnerships, and opportunities for children, adults, and families across Louisville.

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