

## **Abdelghani B. Barre**

Abdelghani Barre came to the United States in August of 1989 from his home country Somalia to pursue graduate study at Vanderbilt University. After completing a Masters in Economics, civil war in Somalia forced Mr. Barre to file application for political asylum. Mr. Barre has been a United States citizen since September 2002.

Mr. Barre is currently the Immigrant Services Coordinator of Metropolitan Social Services of Nashville and Davidson County and has been since 1994. The unit is responsible for identifying the needs of immigrants and coordinating resources to remove barriers they face. Among other things, the unit conducts best practices in working with immigrants and refugees training to businesses, service providers, and to other groups.

Mr. Barre holds a Master of Arts, Economics from Vanderbilt University.