

## **United Somali Women of Maine**

### *"Being Somali in LA"*

"Being Somali in LA" is a multi-media presentation that chronicles the lives of Somali women and their families through photographs, interviews and music. Somali women speak about making their way to Maine and the challenges they encountered upon settling in Lewiston and Auburn. These women discuss such topics as: the importance of education, the changing roles of women, and their commitment to maintaining their culture while making the most of opportunities in the United States. Funded by grants from the Maine Women's Fund and the Maine Humanities Council and sponsored by United Somali Women of Maine, this presentation is aimed at fostering discussion and learning among diverse audiences, such as educators and service providers, as well as Somali and non-Somali community members. We are eager to solicit comments from the attendees concerning content and the discussion guide.