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Radhika Sharma Gordon is the Training and Technical Assistance Specialist at Apna Ghar (a Hindi/Urdu phrase meaning “Our Home.”) Apna Ghar was founded in 1989 in Chicago to provide direct services, advocacy, and education to meet the complex needs of immigrant and other marginalized survivors of gender-based violence.

Radhika obtained her BA and her Masters in Public Health from the University of Michigan. Since 1989, she has been working and volunteering in Chicago and across Illinois addressing disease, violence, the needs of immigrant communities, and promoting multidisciplinary partnerships to promote women's empowerment, violence prevention, and positive youth development.

Her odd but useful expertise includes being able to synthesize information from various sectors and organizations in order to link people and siloed institutions with a diverse array of resources and new models and projects to improve and expand their work.

Radhika is also an adjunct instructor at Northeastern Illinois University, where she coordinates the internship program and teaches the field seminar for undergraduate and graduate public health students, and an adjunct instructor in Health Sciences at Northeastern Illinois University, where she coordinates the undergraduate and MPH internship program and seminar.

Her independent consulting work has included instructional design and strategic planning and focus group facilitation for Equality Illinois, Lake County Health Department, Chicago Foundation for Women, Illinois Public Health Institute, UIC School of Public Health, and The Morten Group.

Radhika has been appointed to various local and statewide councils and committees, including: the Chicago Advisory Council on Immigrant, Migrant, and Refugee Rights; the Governor’s Taks Force that developed the Campus Climate Survey on Sexual Misconduct; the Administrative

Offices of Illinois Courts committee developing curricula for the Illinois Judicial College; and the IDPH Injury Prevention Five-Year Plan planning committee. Radhika's work has been recognized with awards from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Iris Martinez, The Kedzie Center, The Cook County Commission on Women, and the HIV Coalition of North Suburban Cook County.

Radhika and her family emigrated to the US from Nairobi, Kenya in 1967. She lives in Chicago with her spouse and their child.