

## Program Eligibility

- ? Refugees in possession of an I-94 stamped "Admitted as a Refugee pursuant to section 207 of the Act."
- ? Parolees who have an I-94 with "paroled as a refugee" or "207" stamped or written on it.
- ? Cuban/Haitian Entrants who have been granted parole, applied for asylum, or are in exclusion or deportation proceedings but have not received a final order of deportation.
- ? Asylees are people already in the U.S. who satisfy the refugee status because they fear persecution. They will possess an I-94.
- ? Must reside in the District of Columbia.

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## Contact Information

For information about the Office of Refugee Resettlement, please call (202) 541-3949.



Department of Human Services

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Office of Refugee Resettlement

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Family Services Administration

Department of Human Services  
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The Office of Refugee Resettlement within the Department of Human Services' Family Services Administration fosters expeditious transition from dependency on public assistance to self-sufficiency for refugees who settle in the District of Columbia.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement establishes and provides oversight to a network of service providers that ensure the effective resettlement, adjustment and acculturation of refugees who reside in the District of Columbia.

The Office of Refugee Resettlement works diligently in collaboration with its service providers to ensure that necessary support and assistance is given to refugees to eliminate obstacles that impact successful and speedy resettlement. The services offered encourage refugees to become productive residents of the District of Columbia.

**Employment Services** are offered to refugees upon their arrival into the District of Columbia to enable them to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Refugees participate in a job club that teaches them about the world of work in the United States, and they also receive individual employment counseling. Refugees are given assistance in developing a resume, taught interviewing skills, and are mentored in other skills that will promote successful employment. Additionally, job developers make contact with area employers to identify job openings in their companies and hire refugees.

**Translation and Interpretation Services** are offered to individuals who do not speak English that need assistance in the translation of documents they receive such as a telephone bill, notice from the landlord, etc. They may also need interpretation services for medical appointments, school conferences, or other places where their language is not spoken.



*Refugees are defined as those individuals who have a well-founded fear of persecution in their home country.*

### **Counseling and Other Support Services**

Refugees are provided various services to assist them in transitioning to a new country and a new culture. They often need counseling to address personal issues and conflicts they may be experiencing because of the changing family dynamic influenced by a new culture.

Counseling for refugees also addresses issues of loss because of the many family members that refugees leave in their country of origin. Refugees are also assisted in acquiring resources such as clothing, household items, and other basic necessities. Van transportation is provided to transport refugees to job interviews and to other locations to receive services.



### **Services to Victims of Trafficking**

Certified victims of human trafficking are eligible to receive benefits as refugees. Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. Victims of human trafficking are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor. Victims are young children, teenagers, men and women. They are brought into the United States and exploited sexually for commercial gain, or forced to work for little or no compensation.

### **Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance**

Economic self-sufficiency for refugees is the primary goal of the Office of Refugee Resettlement. Refugee cash and medical assistance is a benefit given to refugees to provide subsistence for the first eight months of their stay in the District of Columbia.

### **Refugee Unaccompanied Minors Program**

The State Department identifies refugee children overseas who are eligible for resettlement in the United States, but do not have a parent or guardian. Upon arrival in the US, these refugee children are placed into the Refugee Unaccompanied Minors Program and they receive refugee foster care and other services and benefits.

**Repatriation Services** are offered to citizens who find themselves stranded in a foreign country and do not have the financial resources to return to the United States.

Travel arrangements are made for such citizens through the U.S. State Department and International Social Services coordinates their return to this country. The Office of Refugee Resettlement either meets the repatriate at the airport or arranges for him/her to be transported to the District of Columbia. Services such as temporary housing/shelter, medical evaluations, employment and other services are provided to the repatriate.

### **The Refugee Network of Service Providers**

Catholic Charities Refugee Service  
1501 Columbia Road, NW, Washington, DC 20009  
Phone (202) 667-9000 / Fax: (202) 667-3420

Department of Health - Refugee Health Screening  
825 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC 20009  
Phone: (202) 442-5841 / Fax:(202) 442-8060

Ethiopian Community Development Council  
2437 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009  
Phone: (202) 483-0780 / Fax:(202) 483-0782

IMA Refugee Unit  
645 H Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20002  
Phone (202) 698-4493 / Fax: (202) 724-8964

International Rescue Committee  
1730 M Street, NW, Suite 807, Washington, DC 20036  
Phone (202) 822-0043 / Fax: (202) 822-0089

Lutheran Social Services  
Unaccompanied Minors Program  
4406 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20011  
Phone (202) 723-3000 / Fax: (202) 723-3303

Newcomers Community Service Center  
1628 16th Street, NW,  
Washington, DC 20009  
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Fax: (202) 462-2774

