

Websites and Resources on Refugees

Office of Refugee Resettlement

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is responsible for the domestic refugee resettlement program. Within DHHS, the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) provides refugees and other new arrivals in need with critical resources to assist them in becoming integrated members of American society.

Refugee Health Technical Assistance Center

<http://www.refugeehealthta.org>

Refugee Health Technical Assistance Center (RHTAC) is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of refugees. RHTAC provides a variety of resources on physical and mental health issues affecting refugees including suicide prevention.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, Immigrant and Refugee Health

<http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provide guidelines for healthcare providers who see refugees at any point during the resettlement process. The guidelines aim to promote and improve the health of refugees, prevent disease, and familiarize refugees with the U.S. healthcare system.

Refugee Processing Center

<http://www.wrapsnet.org/Default.aspx>

Refugee Processing Center (RPC) is operated by the U.S Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration. Data on the movement of refugees from various countries to the U.S. for resettlement is available through the RPC's interactive system called WRAPS. RPC's website also contains a directory of resettlement agencies and their affiliates that are located across the country.

<http://www.wrapsnet.org/Contacts/RPAgencyContacts/tabid/100/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

UN High Commissioner for Refugees

<http://www.unhcr.org/>

UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees, which is implemented through programs such as food distribution and health care in refugee camps.

Websites of ORR-Funded Technical Assistance Centers

Asylee Hotline

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)

<http://cliniclegal.org/>

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) operates an asylee hotline that provides outreach and service access to individuals granted asylum. Multilingual operators are available to speak with asylees who may be uncertain about where to receive benefits and services.

Child Welfare

US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bridging Refugee Youth and Children Services (BRYCS)

<http://www.brycs.org/>

Bridging Refugee Youth and Children Services provides technical assistance to support service providers for refugee children, youth, and their families. BRYCS provides one-on-one consultations, training and conference presentations, and access to the only website focused specifically on migration and child welfare.

Cultural Orientation

Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL)

<http://www.cal.org/co/index.html>

Cultural Orientation Resource (COR) Center at the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) offers workshops and trainings, resource development and publications, and facilitates the exchange of information among refugee and asylee-serving agencies and the larger community. COR's website includes cultural backgrounders on refugee populations resettled in the U.S.

Economic Development

ISED Solutions, Inc.

<http://www.isedsolutions.org/>

ISED Solutions, Inc. provides technical assistance to microenterprise development, individual development accounts, and refugee agriculture partnership grantees.

Employment

RefugeeWorks (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service)

<http://www.refugeeworks.org/>

RefugeeWorks provides technical assistance to address refugee employment needs.

English Language Training

Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning

<http://www.springinstitute.org/>

Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning provides English language training technical assistance.

Ethnic Community-Based Organizations

Project SOAR, International Rescue Committee (IRC)

<http://www.ethniccommunities.org/>

IRC's Project SOAR provides technical assistance to ethnic community-based organizations serving refugees. IRC's technical assistance focuses on resource development, financial management, board training, and capacity building.

Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC)

<http://www.ecdcinternational.org>

Ethiopian Community Development Council serves the African immigrant and refugee community in the U.S. through local and national programs. ECDC's provides technical assistance to Ethnic Community-Based Organizations and Mutual Assistant Associations.

Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)

<http://www.searac.org/>

Southeast Asia Resource Action Center provides training and technical assistance to Burmese and Bhutanese communities around the country. SEARAC's technical assistance helps to foster relationships between refugee communities and mainstream institutions.

LGBT Resource Center

Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights

<http://www.heartlandalliance.org/>

Through their Rainbow Welcome Initiative, Heartland Alliance is working to create resource materials, trainings, and recommendations specific to developing capacity to meet the resettlement needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) refugees and asylees.

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Survivors of Torture

National Capacity Building Project for Specialized Torture Treatment Centers

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resources/cvt.htm>

Center for Victims of Torture offers national technical assistance through resources, training, and networking opportunities specifically targeted to specialized torture treatment centers.

National Partnership for Community Training for Immigrant Service Providers

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resources/npct.htm>

Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services provides comprehensive community needs assessments and training in areas of the country where no torture treatment centers exist.