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THE REFUGEE SERVICES PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

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<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/refugee/>

REFUGEES WORLDWIDE

80% of the world's refugees are women and children

Refugees are individuals who fled their home country in fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership in a social group or political opinion.



Refugees in Florida

- The Refugee Services Program is 100% federally funded and is governed by federal law.
- Florida hosts the largest refugee service eligible population each year.
- Cuba is the country of origin of most refugee services eligible clients in Florida; however, Florida's refugees come from 97 different home countries, including Afghanistan, Haiti, Iraq, Burma, Venezuela, Egypt, Colombia, and Sudan.
- Refugee services eligible clients resettle primarily in Miami-Dade County with significant populations in Hillsborough, Broward, Duval, Palm Beach, Orange, Pinellas, and Collier Counties.

FLORIDA'S REFUGEE SERVICES'

ELIGIBLE POPULATION

- * Refugees are individuals who have been forced to flee their home country due to persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution. Refugees are granted status before they arrive in the United States.
- * Cuban/Haitian Entrants is a term used to describe Cuban and Haitian nationals who enter the United States, are granted a parole upon entry, have been placed in removal proceedings or have applied for asylum .
- * Asylees are persons already in the United States who, due to persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution in their home country, apply for and are granted asylum by asylum officers or immigration judges in the United States.
- * Afghan and Iraqi Special Immigrants (SIV) or allowed into US via APA program are Iraqi and Afghani nationals who worked with the U.S. military and who were granted special immigrant status and as of October 1, 2021, were granted or a parole .
- * Certified Victims of Human Trafficking (VOT) are individuals from foreign countries who, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion, have been forced to perform a commercial sex act, or have been subjected to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

DCF'S REFUGEE SERVICES PROGRAM GOAL

Is to assist newly arrived refugees become self-sufficient in as short a time period as possible.

The program promotes self-sufficiency through a Continuum of services made available in the Community via contracted providers.

Services such as: Assessment, Case Management, Employment, Adult Education (ESOL), Childcare, Employment Related Immigration Services, Youth & Mentoring; are offered through these different contracted organizations in the area .

REFUGEE SERVICES' ELIGIBLE POPULATION FIRST STEPS



BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO REFUGEES THROUGH DCF ACCESS PROGRAM

- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Medicaid
- Time limited Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance RCA/ RMA for single individuals or if not eligible for TANF and Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Food Stamps

Apply online at:

<http://www.myflorida.com/accessflorida>

SERVICES TO REFUGEES

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO REFUGEES THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Refugees need to get a health assessment within 90 days of arrival in the U.S. To receive this FREE health service, please contact the Refugee Health Assessment Program:

1350 NW 14th Street Miami Fl. 33125

to schedule your appointment call

(305) 643-7300

SERVICES FUNDED BY REFUGEE SERVICES PROGRAM

**All services are provided through contracts
with local agencies in the area.**

SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COMPREHENSIVE REFUGEE SERVICES (CRS)

- **CRS is an integrated service delivery system that offers services that are essential to the promotion of a refugee/entrant families' self-sufficiency, effective resettlement, and successful integration into the local community.**

SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COMPREHENSIVE REFUGEE SERVICES (CRS)

Services offered may include but are not limited to:

- **Assessment & Case Management**
- **Referral Services**
- **Employment Services**
- **Child Care Services**
- **Youth and Mentoring Services**

Youth Co-Op is the Lead CRS Agency in the Miami Dade area.

A limited amount of funding to assist Afghan nationals that are enrolled in Refugee services with housing issues is available. Certain specific conditions must first be met, and it is for a very short period.

The CRS provider is managing these funds in the area.

SERVICES FUNDED BY REFUGEE SERVICES PROGRAM

Employability Status Assistance (Legal) Services

Services include:

- Assistance with Employment Authorization Documents (EAD)
- Permanent residency applications
- Asylum applications
- Citizenship Preparation & Application
- And other employment-related immigration status issues.

Employability services are offered by Church World Service, Saint Thomas Universality Human Rights Institute and Catholic Charities Legal services

SERVICES FUNDED BY REFUGEE SERVICES PROGRAM

Adult Education & Vocational Services

- **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**
- **Vocational Training & Vocational English for Speakers of Other Languages (VESOL)**
- **Adult Basic Education (ABE)**
- **General Education Diploma (GED) preparation classes.**

These services are offered through the Miami Dade County Public schools (SAVES) Program and the Miami Dade College (REVEST) Program

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