Program Mission

To welcome the stranger as yourselves.

“The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you and you shall love him as yourself.” Lev. 19:33
Oft Used Acronyms

• **PRM** – Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (humanitarian bureau of the State Department)

• **ORR** – Office of Refugee Resettlement (part of the Department of Health & Human Services)

• **USCIS** – United States Citizenship & Immigration Services

• **USCCB** – United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

• **HHS** – Health & Human Services
Resettlement Overview

Populations Resettled:

• Refugees
• Asylees
• Parolees (Cuban-Haitian Entrants)
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*Refugee:*
An alien who, generally, has experienced past persecution or has a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Individuals who meet this definition may be considered for refugee status under Section 207 of the INA if they are outside the United States.
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**Asylee:**

An alien who, generally, has experienced past persecution or has a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Individuals who meet this definition may be considered for asylee status under Section 208 of the INA if they are already in the United States.
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Parolee (Cuban-Haitian):
An alien applying for admission into the United States who is temporarily paroled into the county for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit. (See INA section 212(d)(5)).

An individual who is paroled into the U.S. has not been formally admitted into the United States for purposes of immigration law.
Resettlement Overview

Resettlement Programs

• Reception & Placement (R&P)
• Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)
• Refugee Social Services (RSS)
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Reception & Placement (R&P)

• Refugees

9 agencies contracted by the U.S. Dept. of State to provide “initial reception and placement services" (R&P) to newly-arrived refugees.
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1. Church World Service
2. Ethiopian Community Development Council
3. Episcopal Migration Ministries
4. Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society
5. International Rescue Committee
6. US Committee for Refugees & Immigrants
7. Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services
8. US Conference of Catholic Bishops
9. World Relief
National Service Locations

Source: WRAPSnets.org, modified
Refugee Overview

“Initial Reception & Placement Services”

• Case management services and regular contact with refugee families for their first 90 days.
  – Ensure that all refugees receive proper immigration documents (I-94s, Employment Authorization Documents) along with Social Security cards.
  – Provide information and referrals as needed to the refugee families and assist them toward self-sufficiency.
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“Initial Reception & Placement Services”

– Airport reception
– Housing
– Food/clothing
– Basic furniture & household supplies
– Home & community orientation
– Selective Service Registration
– Public Assistance
– School Registration/ESL referrals
– Employment Assistance
– Medical screening
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Refugee Cash Assistance

- Refugees
- Asylees
- Parolees (Cuban-Haitian Entrants)
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Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)

• 8-month Employment program (from date of arrival) that includes direct cash assistance as an incentive to promote early employment and self-sufficiency.

• RCA amounts vary based on the size of the family: Single person ($190/month), Family of 2 ($238/Month), Family of 3 ($308/month), etc.

• Early Job acceptance & Job Retention Bonuses
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*Refugee Social Services*
- Refugees
- Asylees
- Parolees (Cuban-Haitian Entrants)
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Refugee Social Services (RSS)

- 5-year program (from date of arrival) that supports ongoing employment assistance, social adjustment, interpretation & translation, and English as a Second Language.
Important Partnerships

- Housing – including set up
- Employers
- State and federal agencies
- Medical partners
- Religious organizations
- Services organizations
- Community resources
- Individuals
Projected Afghan Refugee needs

- Lodging (including set up)
- Legal services
- Medical care
- English Language Training/English as a Second Language
- Employment
- Transportation
- Translation
- Financial
- Counseling/trauma support

In the event Oklahoma receives Afghan nationals, email CCAOKC at give@ccaokc.org and include “Afghan” and include the need area, e.g. lodging, legal, volunteer etc.
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