

Refugee and Immigrant Services

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)

OVERVIEW

The Bureau of Refugee and Immigrant Services funds, manages and monitors contracts for two types of programs:

1. **Refugee Resettlement** - Help newly arriving refugees achieve self-sufficiency in the United States. Community-based services include adjustment counseling, orientation, English as a Second Language, vocational training, job readiness, and job placement. Bilingual mental health services are provided for those refugees who experienced severe trauma and require therapy.
2. **Immigrant Outreach and Integration** - Provide citizenship education and application services to resident non-citizens desiring to become United States citizens; and provide outreach and interpretation services to limited English proficient individuals requiring public benefits and state human services

WHO IS SERVED?

Population(s)/Age Group:

Services for these programs are extended to the following individuals of all ages:

1. **Refugee Resettlement** :Newly arrived refugees and those in the U.S. 36 months or less.
2. **Immigrant Outreach and Integration**: low-income immigrants; Resident non-citizens; and limited English proficient individuals

Eligibility Criteria and Screening Tools:

Any parent in Illinois, who is not impaired by alcohol or drugs and not at risk of harming themselves or others, and wishes to be in a parent support group.

HOW ARE SERVICES DELIVERED?

Local Service System:

Community-based nonprofit agencies

Referrals into Program:

Local Family Community Resource Center

Data Systems Used:

Information not available

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