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New Jersey

Camden

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Camden, Refugee and Immigration Services

1845 Haddon Avenue

Camden, NJ 08103

Phone: (856) 342-4167

http://www.catholiccharitiescamden.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=424&Itemid=213

“The Refugee and Immigration Services Department at Catholic Charities includes the Refugee Resettlement program (Reception and Placement, Match Grant, Supplemental Employment Services, English as a Second Language Training (ESL) and Supplemental Social Support Services); Refugee Individual Development Account program (IDA) and Immigration Services program. We work with Refugees, Asylees and other immigrants in the six southern counties of New Jersey to begin their lives in the United States. Our program staff and case managers work in coordination with local social service and healthcare providers and volunteers to provide services to our clients and assist them in becoming self sufficient.”

Essex

American Friends Service Committee

89 Market Street, 6th Floor

Newark, NJ 07102

Phone: (973) 643-1924

<http://afsc.org/office/newark-nj>

The Immigrant Rights Program in Newark NJ works to ensure that all immigrants to the US are treated with respect and are able to exercise their human rights and fundamental freedoms. They work to address the vast need among immigrants for access to legal counsel and fair and non-discriminatory treatment by government agencies.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark

590 North 7th Street

Newark, NJ 07107

Phone: (973) 596-4100

<http://www.ccannj.com/>

“Catholic Charities' programs serve the very young, the very old, and all in between. We seek to provide the necessities of life to the homeless, the blessings of liberty to immigrants, and the restoration of right relationships within families and within society. We seek to provide a life

with meaning to the disabled, isolated, and lonely; a safety net to those in crisis; the hope of economic participation to the marginalized and unemployed; and opportunities for the growth and development of children and youth. ”

New Jersey Resources for Trafficked Persons and Community Volunteers

http://www.ilnispac.org/nj_resource_guide.pdf

A resource guide organized alphabetically by New Jersey county detailing programs and services available for victims of human trafficking and other forms of domestic violence as well as volunteers.

Hudson

International Institute of New Jersey, Refugee Resettlement Program

1 Journal Square plaza, 4th floor

Jersey City, NJ 07306

Phone: (201) 653-3888

<http://iinj.org/our-services/our-social-services/>

“IINJ works to ensure that arriving refugees attain economic self-sufficiency through the provision of an array of services” such as administering “a cash resettlement grant upon arrival to cover such costs as housing and furnishings. Bilingual case workers help refugees access needed services ranging from medical care, English language training, housing, employment, vocational counseling and referral, to medical assistance, mental health counseling and social adjustment services.”

New Jersey Resources for Trafficked Persons

880 Bergen Avenue

Jersey City, NJ 07306

Phone: (201) 653-3888

http://www.childtrafficking.com/Docs/anti_trafficking_resource_directory_dec_30_10.pdf

A directory compiled by the International Institute of New Jersey indicating resources for housing, case management and referral, health and legal services, counseling, law enforcement, ESL and other educational services, services particularly for men or women, community organizations, and sexual assault recovery services.

Mercer

The Catholic Diocese of Trenton, Migration and Refugee Services

149 North Warren Street

Trenton, NJ 08608-1307

Phone: (609) 394-8299

<http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/page.aspx?pid=383>

The Catholic Diocese of Trenton “offers legal counseling in immigration matters and assistance with applications for the US Citizenship and Immigration Services, advocates on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and works to raise consciousness of the plight of immigrants and refugees among the people of Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean counties.”

Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey

189 South Broad Street

Trenton, NJ 08601

Phone: (609) 393-4900

<http://www.lsmnj.org/programs-services/community-outreach-services/immigration-refugee-program/>

“The Immigration Program of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey provides a full range of high-quality immigration legal assistance and counseling to low-income immigrants, including: immigration legal services, refugee resettlement, English as a Second Language (ESL) program for refugees, civics and citizenship classes for immigrants, and employment support for asylees and refugees.”

New Jersey Department of Human Services

Division of Family Development

Quakerbridge Plaza, Bldg. 6

P.O. Box 716

Trenton, NJ 08625-0716

Phone: (609) 588-2000

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/refugee/>

“Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) is a federally funded program that provides cash and medical assistance to refugees. An individual is considered a refugee for purposes of RRP if he or she fled from and cannot return to his or her place of national origin because of fear of persecution on account of race, religion or political opinion.”

Middlesex

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen, Immigration Program

Phillipsburg Immigration

430 South Main Street

Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

Trinity Family Service Center

271 Smith Street

Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Unity Square @ Sacred Heart Church

56 Throop Avenue

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/refugee/>

“Our services focus on affirmative applications, and interviews (family based applications; asylum applications, refugee processing, Temporary Protected Status, removal of conditions, appeals before the Administrative Appeals Office, Consular processing, adjustment of status, Naturalization, change of venue, withholding of removal, relief under the Convention Against Torture, motions to reopen, trafficking cases, U Visas, briefs, appeals, and defensive applications as well as Immigration Detention work on an individual case basis.”

Jewish Family and Vocational Service

52 Concordia Shopping Center
Monroe Township, NJ 08831
(609) 395-7979

32 Ford Avenue, 2nd Floor
Milltown, NJ 08850
(732) 777-1940

<http://www.jfvs.org/services/immigrantservices/>

“JFVS assists immigrants with processing requirements and acculturation (such as ESL training), and educates the community through intergenerational programs designed to explain the journey and experiences of the refugees.”

Passaic

Catholic Family and Community Services

24 De Grasse Street
Paterson, NJ 07505-2001
Phone: (973) 279-7100

http://www.catholiccharities.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=48&Itemid=54

The Catholic Family and Community Services organization “provide[s] social services that address the needs of individuals, families and groups in our community, especially the poor, to advocate for justice and to convene other persons to do the same.”

Union

Human Rights Advocates International, Inc.

1341 North Avenue, Suite C-7
Elizabeth, NJ 07208-2622
Phone: (908) 352-6032

Human Rights Advocates International, Inc. is an international public service law group. According to Dr. Allan Wernick, Director of the Citizenship and Naturalization Project at the City

University of New York, this group is a voluntary agency that provides free or low-cost immigration law services.

National

Alaska

Catholic Social Services Center, Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services

3710 East 20th Avenue

Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Phone: (907) 222-7300

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

“Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS) provides a bridge for refugees (individuals who have had to flee their countries of origin due to the tragedies of persecution and war) from their former life experiences to the new skills required for success in the United States. The program assists clients in obtaining a lifestyle that has sustainable financial support and in which the family's basic needs are fully met on a long-term basis. RAIS offers a wide range of bilingual and bicultural services including case management, life skills orientation and job readiness classes.”

Arizona

The Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project

Florence Project Main Office

P.O. Box 654

Florence, Arizona 85132

Phone: (520) 868-0191

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

“Our Detained Immigrant and Refugee Children’s Initiative educates, empowers, and provides legal assistance to the more than 200 unaccompanied immigrant minors detained for removal proceedings before the Phoenix Immigration Court. Unaccompanied minors are children under 18 years old who have crossed the border or been apprehended by ICE without a parent or guardian. While in ICE custody, they are held in secure facilities, contract shelters, group homes, or foster care placements under the auspices of the Office of Refugee Resettlement. The Children’s Initiative conducts “know your rights” presentations, individual intakes for all children and either represents them in court or refers their cases to pro bono attorneys in the community.”

California

California Refugee Program

Phone: (916) 654-4356

<http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/refugeeprogram/>

California's Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) is comprised of many program partners at the federal, state, county, and community level. The RRP in California is 100 percent federally funded by the Office of Refugee Resettlement and is state administered by the California Department of Social Services, Refugee Programs Bureau (RPB). The RPB supervises county operations and delivery of RRP benefits and services. The RRP assists the populations we serve to adjust socially and attain the skills needed for finding employment and becoming self-sufficient as quickly as possible.

Human Rights Advocates

P.O. Box 5675

Berkeley, CA 94705

Phone: (908) 352-6032

HRA addresses the panoply of human rights issues, including minority and bodies on the human rights aspects of such issues as: minority and peoples' rights; the rights of the child; juvenile criminal sentencing; trafficking in women and children; migrant worker rights; the right to housing; the right to food; affirmative action; corporate accountability; and human rights and the environment.

Refugee Assistance Program

Hung Nguyen, Refugee Assistance Coordinator

Refugee Assistance Program

56 S. Lincoln St. (In the WorkNet Building)

Stockton, CA 95203

(209) 468-2061

http://www.sjaging.org/Refugee_Assistance/refugee_assistance.htm

The Refugee Assistance Program (RAP) is a federally funded program which helps persons admitted to the U.S. as refugees to become self-sufficient as quickly as possible upon their arrival. Temporary RAP cash assistance and medical aid are available to needy refugees who are not eligible for other cash or medical assistance programs. In addition, employment services, health screenings and foster care services to unaccompanied minors are also available to refugees.

Refugee Cash Assistance Program

Social Services Agency

888 N. Main Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701
Phone: (714) 541-7700

<http://egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/Social%20Services%20Agency/Cash%20&%20CalFresh/Refugee%20Assistance>

Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) is cash assistance provided to individuals with refugee, asylee, or trafficking victim status who have been determined to be ineligible for CalWORKs or SSI/SSP and who have resided in the United States for no longer than 8 months from the Date of Entry.

Florida

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, Inc.

700 S. Royal Poinciana Boulevard, Suite 800
Miami Springs, FL 33166
Phone: (305) 883-4555
<http://www.ccadm.org/ourministries/refugeeservices>

The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, Inc. offers cultural orientation seminars, access to English Language classes (ESOL), information about job training and educational opportunities, job readiness and placement services, assistance with housing and child care placements, referrals for immigration services, mentoring services, and healthcare referrals in the area of Miami, Florida.

Georgia

Georgia Department of Health, Refugee Health

Two Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3186
Phone: (404) 657-2700
<http://health.state.ga.us/programs/refugeehealth/index.asp>

The program ensures that refugees receive adequate healthcare, which is not provided in their native country. Screening refugees within 90 days of their arrival aids in the reduction of contracting contagious diseases and/or spreading any diseases to the indigenous community in which the refugee resides. In correlation, outreach services provide health education to the refugee community, further ensuring prevention of infirmity.

Georgia Department of Human Services, Refugee Resettlement Program

State Refugee Coordinator
Phone: (404) 657-5118
<http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/refugee-resettlement-program-overview>

“The Refugee Resettlement Program is a federally funded program that provides English Language Instruction, employment services, health screening, social services, and medical and cash assistance to refugees. Individuals who are eligible for services funded by the Georgia Refugee Resettlement Program fit into five refugee categories: Refugees, Asylees, Vietnamese Amerasians, Cuban and Haitian Entrants, and Victims of Trafficking. Services include employment services (job development, job orientation, and placement services), vocational training, English language instruction, social adjustment services (emergency services, health-related services, and translation/interpreter services), domestic violence services, youth services, and parent/school involvement services.”

Refugee Family Services

5561 Memorial Dr.
Stone Mountain, GA 30083-3237
Phone: (404) 299-6217
http://www.refugeefamilyservices.org/index.php?/site/tp_about/

The goal of the RFS is “to support the efforts of refugee women and children to achieve self-sufficiency in the United States by providing education and economic opportunity” in the Atlanta, Georgia area. They provide youth services, women’s programs, and civic engagement resources.

Maryland

Kurdish Human Rights Watch

8151 15th Avenue
Hyattsville, MD 20783
Phone: (240) 491-5791

The new KHRW affiliate office in Maryland provides Reception and Placement services to special immigrant visa holders (SIV) and new refugee individuals and families. Refugee core services are provided in culturally and linguistically appropriate fashion. Services include housing, employment and education assistance, food and clothing donations, health care, life skills mentoring and referrals for ESL (English as a second language) classes.

Massachusetts

Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma

Department of Psychiatry
Massachusetts General Hospital
22 Putnam Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139 USA
Phone: (617) 876-7879
<http://hpert-cambridge.org/>

The Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma (HPRT), originally founded at the Harvard School of Public Health, is a multi-disciplinary program that has been pioneering the health and mental health care of traumatized refugees and civilians in areas of conflict/post-conflict and natural disasters for over two decades.

Michigan

Refugee Assistance Program

Department of Human Services

235 S. Grand Ave.

P.O. Box 30037

Lansing, Michigan 48909

Phone: (517)373-2035

http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,4562,7-124-5453_5526_7770---,00.html

The Refugee Assistance Program is a federal program which helps persons admitted into the U.S. as refugees to become self-sufficient after their arrival. Temporary RAP cash assistance and medical aid is available to refugees who are not eligible for FIP (TANF) or Medicaid for up to 8 months after their entry into the U.S. employment services, health screenings and foster care services for unaccompanied minors are other DHS services available to refugees.

Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Health, Refugee Health

P.O. Box 64975

St. Paul, MN 55164-0975

Phone: (888) 345-0823

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/refugee/index.html>

Minnesota's Refugee Health Program partners with local health departments, private health care providers, and community organizations to offer each new refugee arrival a comprehensive screening examination, appropriate follow-up or referral and community-based health education.

Montana

Immigrant & Refugee Women's Program

3672B Arsenal Street

St. Louis, MO 63116

Phone: (314) 771-1104

<http://www.irwp.net/>

It is IRWP's mission "to increase the independence and reduce the isolation of immigrant and refugee women by teaching them basic English and practical living skills in the security of their own homes" and their vision "to create a community where immigrant and refugee women have sufficient English language skills to provide a home that prepares them and their children to meet the everyday challenges of living in a diverse culture and to make a personal, lasting, and valued social, moral, and economic contribution to the community."

Nebraska

Refugee Resettlement Program

PO Box 95026

Lincoln, NE 68509-5044

Phone: (402) 471-9264

<http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/refugees/>

The mission of the Office of Refugee Resettlement is to help refugees, Cuban/Haitian entrants, asylees, and other beneficiaries of our program to establish a new life that is founded on the dignity of economic self-support and encompasses full participation in opportunities which Americans enjoy.

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Refugee Program

NH Office of Minority Health and Refugee Affairs

97 Pleasant Street

Concord, NH 03301

Phone: (603) 271-3986

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/omh/index.htm>

The New Hampshire Office of Minority Health and Refugee Affairs (OMHRA) provides federally funded services to refugees resettled in the State of New Hampshire in accordance with federal statutes. The major goal of this program is to assist refugees in achieving economic self-sufficiency and social adjustment upon arrival to the United States.

New York

CAMBA

1720 Church Avenue 2nd Fl

Brooklyn, NY 11226

Phone: (718) 287-2600

<http://www.camba.org/Programs/EconomicDevelopment/WorkforceDevelopment/RefugeeAssistantProgram/tabid/86/menuheader/0/submenuheader/2/Default.aspx>

CAMBA's Refugee Assistance Program has provided refugees and political asylees in New York City who face cultural and language barriers to employment with opportunities to obtain jobs and training and improve their English language skills.

International Rescue Committee

122 East 42nd Street

New York, NY 10168 USA

Phone: (212) 551-3000

<http://www.rescue.org/our-work/resettling-refugees>

“The IRC supports newly arrived refugees by providing immediate aid, including food and shelter. Through a network of staff members and volunteers we provide access to the tools of self-reliance: housing, job placement and employment skills, clothing, medical attention, education, English-language classes and community orientation. Each resettlement office serves as a free, one-stop center for refugees' needs during their pivotal first months in the U.S. In addition to integrating refugees into the U.S., the IRC's refugee resettlement network provides comprehensive immigration services to assist refugees and asylees on their path to becoming permanent residents or U.S. citizens. The IRC also provides specialized services to victims of human trafficking in the U.S. – men, women and children who have been forced or coerced into modern-day slavery.”

University of the State of New York, State Education Department

55 Hanson Place, 4th Floor

Brooklyn, NY 11210

Phone: (718) 722-2425

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/biling/docs/RefugeeGuideFinal9-10.pdf>

“A Resource Guide for Educating Refugee Children and Youth in New York State”

Oregon

Department of Human Services Refugee Program

500 Summer St. NE

Salem, OR 97301

Phone: (503) 945-5600

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/assistance/refugee/>

Working with the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement, the State of Oregon may provide up to eight months of cash and medical assistance to newly arriving refugees. Refugees may be able to receive any other assistance that is offered to U.S. citizens – this includes food assistance in the form of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. The state may also provide other services beyond the initial eight months, such as assistance with job search, employment acculturation, English language classes, citizenship and naturalization help.

Pennsylvania

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Allentown

2141 Downyflake Lane

Allentown, PA 18103-4774

Phone: (610) 791-3888

<http://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-charities/refugee-assistance/>

Catholic Charities staff and volunteers meet the arriving refugees at the airport and place them in safe, affordable apartments that have been furnished with donations from local families. Staff and volunteers arrange for medical appointments, school enrollment, and orientation to basic community services in the area of Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Refugee Resettlement Program

Norm-Anne Rothermel, State Refugee Coordinator

Phone: (717) 787-8608

email: nrothermel@state.pa.us

<http://www.refugeesinpa.org/RefugeeResettlementProgram/>

The Pennsylvania Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) provides federally-funded services to refugees in accordance with federal statutes and regulations and the Commonwealth's State Plan. Services include employment, training, ESL, and citizenship preparation.

Virginia

Office of Justice and Peace

Catholic Diocese of Richmond

1512 Willow Lawn Drive, Suite A

Richmond, VA 23230

Phone: (804) 285-5900

<http://www.richmonddiocese.org/organization/richmond-refugee-and-immigration-services>

Virginia Council of Churches, Refugee Resettlement Program

VCC Refugee Resettlement Office

1214 W. Graham Rd., Suite 3

Richmond VA 23220

Phone: (804) 321-3305

<http://www.vacouncilofchurches.org/refugee-resettlement>

The VCC offers assistance in facilitating a sponsorship program between participating congregations and refugees entering the state of Virginia, offering job and housing assistance and providing a local community to integrate into.

Washington, D. C.

Cultural Orientation Research Center Center for Applied Linguistics

4646 40th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20016-1859
Phone: (202) 362-0700
<http://www.cal.org/co/>

“The Cultural Orientation Resource Center provides technical assistance regarding new refugee groups and the orientation they receive either before their resettlement in the United States or after their arrival. Reception and Placement services include sponsorship and pre-arrival planning; support for basic needs (housing, furniture, food, and clothing) for at least 30 days after arrival; referral to social service providers, including health care, ESL, and employment; and case management for 90 days. In addition to these initial core services, most communities have other services that refugees can receive. These include job placement assistance, ESL classes, and mental health services. Many of these social services for refugees also have orientation components.”

Jesuit Refugee Service/USA

1016 16th St NW Ste 500
Washington, D.C. 20036
Phone: (202) 629-5943
<http://jrsusa.org/>

“The mission of Jesuit Refugee Service/USA is to serve, accompany, and defend the rights of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons, witnessing to God’s presence in vulnerable and often forgotten people driven from their homes by conflict, natural disaster, economic injustice, or violation of their human rights.”

Refugee Council USA

1628 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: (202) 319-2102
<http://www.rcusa.org/>

“RCUSA provides advocacy on issues affecting the rights of refugees, asylum seekers, displaced persons, victims of trafficking, and victims of torture in the United States and across the world.”

Federal

US Citizenship and Immigration Services

Phone: 1(800) 375-5283
<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>

“U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is the government agency that oversees lawful immigration to the United States.”

US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

2231 Crystal Drive, Suite 350
Arlington, VA 22202-3711
Phone: (703) 310-1130
<http://www.refugees.org/>

USCRI’s mission is “to protect the rights and address the needs of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide by advancing fair and humane public policy, facilitating and providing direct professional services, and promoting the full participation of migrants in community life.” The program addresses refugees’ basic needs, builds support systems, and helps refugees to

US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children & Families

Aerospace Building
901 D Street, SW
Washington, DC 20447
Phone: (202) 401-9246
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/index.html>

“Founded on the belief that newly arriving populations have inherent capabilities when given opportunities, the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) provides people in need with critical resources to assist them in becoming integrated members of American society.”

US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520
Phone: (202) 647-4000
<http://www.state.gov/g/prm/>

“The mission of the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) is to provide protection, ease suffering, and resolve the plight of persecuted and uprooted people around the world on behalf of the American people by providing life-sustaining assistance, working through multilateral systems to build global partnerships, promoting best practices in humanitarian response, and ensuring that humanitarian principles are thoroughly integrated into U.S. foreign and national security policy.”

International

American Refugee Committee

ARC World Headquarters
615 1st Avenue, NE, Suite 500
Minneapolis, MN 55413 USA

Phone: (612) 872-7060; or (800) 875-7060
<http://www.arcrelief.org/site/PageServer>

The American Refugee Committee is an international nonprofit, nonsectarian organization that has provided humanitarian assistance and training to millions of beneficiaries over the last 30 years. ARC provides shelter, clean water and sanitation, health care, skills training, microcredit education, protection and any possible additional support.

Danish Refugee Council

Borgergade 10, 3rd floor
1300 Copenhagen K.
Phone: +45 3373 5000
<http://www.drc.dk/>

The DRC provides “refugees, internally displaced persons and other affected groups in situations of war and conflict with assistance according to their rights. This assistance can consist of relief and other humanitarian aid, rehabilitation and support to return home, as well as contributions to the promotion of durable solutions” and contributes “to capacity building and co-operation between local and national authorities, as well as other relevant organizations. This work aims at strengthening advocacy and promoting solutions to problems related to situations of conflict, particularly with a view to improving the protection and reintegration of refugees and internally displaced persons.”

International Committee of the Red Cross

ICRC regional delegation
1100 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Suite 500
Washington D.C. 20036
Phone: 1 (202) 587-46 00
<http://www.icrc.org/>

The ICRC is an independent, neutral organization ensuring humanitarian protection and assistance for victims of war and armed violence. It takes action in response to emergencies and at the same time promotes respect for international humanitarian law and its implementation in national law.

International Relief and Development

1621 North Kent Street, 4th Floor
Arlington, VA 22209
Phone: (703) 248-0161
<http://www.ird.org/>

IRD programs help vulnerable households, displaced persons and refugees become self-sufficient by providing the necessary immediate and transitional assistance needed to start anew following war, natural disaster or political conflict. Beyond distributing food and critical

supplies, IRD works with local and international humanitarian organizations to equip victims with the resources and tools they need to gain independence.

Refugee Council of Australia

Suite 4A6, 410 Elizabeth Street
Surry Hills NSW 2010
Phone: (02) 9211 9333

P.O. Box 13303
Law Courts VIC 8010
Phone: (03) 9600 3302
<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/index.html>

The Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) is the national umbrella body for refugees and the organizations and individuals who support them. It has more than 130 organizational members and 250 individual members. The aim of the Refugee Council of Australia is to promote the adoption of flexible, humane and constructive policies towards refugees, asylum seekers and displaced persons by the Australian and other Governments and their communities. RCOA assists refugees in countries of first asylum and when they repatriate to their homelands, provide settlement support to refugees in Australia, provide protection and legal advice to refugees and asylum seekers, and advocate on behalf of particular refugee communities.

Refugee Law Project

Plot 5 & 9 Perryman Gardens, Old Kampala (Opposite Old Kampala Primary School)
P.O. Box 33903
Kampala, Uganda
Phone: +256 (0)414 343 556

The overall aim of the department is to ensure that the rights of refugees, asylum seekers, deportees and other forced migrants in Uganda, as specified under national and international law, are respected and implemented. We also offer psychosocial assistance in the areas of counseling, as well as clinical and mental health. We campaign to ensure that forced migrants are treated in a just, fair and humane manner befitting of all human beings. The department is divided into the legal aid clinic and the psychosocial unit and operates through a variety of thematic programs.

Resources for Torture Victims, Asylum-Seekers, Detainees, and Refugees

<http://kspope.com/torvic/torture.php>

There are over 130 links below to resources such as: major centers, online courses, legal services, information about asylum and refuge, networks of torture survivors, human rights organizations providing information and services, guides to assessment, and other diverse resources.

UN Refugee Agency – USA for UNHCR

1775 K Street, N.W. Suite 290
Washington, DC 20006
Phone: (202) 296-1115; or (800) 770-1100
<http://www.unrefugees.org/>

The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) provides protection, shelter, emergency food, water, medical care and other life-saving assistance to 36 million people worldwide, who have been forced to flee their homes due to war and persecution. When possible, UNHCR helps refugees and other displaced people return to their homes voluntarily, safely, and with dignity. When return is not possible, the agency assists with local integration, or resettlement to a third country.

Women’s Refugee Commission

122 East 42nd Street
New York, NY 10168
Phone: (212) 551-3115
<http://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/>

The Women's Refugee Commission advocates for laws, policies and programs to improve the lives and protect the rights of refugee and internally displaced women, children and young people, including those seeking asylum—bringing about lasting, measurable change.

World Relief

7 East Baltimore Street
Baltimore MD, 21202
Phone: (443) 451-1900 or (800) 535-5433
<http://worldrelief.org/>

In US offices, World Relief offers legal support, job training and English classes to immigrants. In Baltimore, a Legal Services clinic reaches out to thousands of clients each year—helping them fill out paperwork, joining them at hearings and ensuring they understand their rights and responsibilities.

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