

Refugee Resettlement in the U.S.A

Carolina Refugee Resettlement Agency, Inc.



Categories

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REFUGEES

DACA

IMMIGRANTS

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(TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS)



Who is a Refugee?

A person who has been forced to flee their country because of war, violence, or a well-founded fear of persecution for:

- Race
- Religion
- Nationality
- Political opinion
- Membership in a particular social group

Being a refugee is not a choice!



Categories of Refugees

Refugees through...

- United Nations
- U.S. State Department

S.I.V (Special Immigrant Visa)

- Iraq
- Afghanistan

A.O.R (Affidavit of Relationship)

- Lautenberg:
Religious minorities from
the Former Soviet Union
and Iran
- CAM:
Central American Minors



Anyone seeking refugee status must initially register with the UNHCR

(United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)



1 Register with U.N. **2** Interview with U.N. **3** Get refugee status from U.N. **4** Get referral to the United States
5 Interview with State Dept. **6** First background check
7 Possible higher-level background check **8** Another background check **9** Fingerprint screenings #1 **10** #2
11 and #3 **12** Review by U.S. immigration **13** Possible new review **14** Homeland Security in-person review and
15 approval **16** Contagious disease screening **17** Cultural orientation **18** Resettlement agency match **19** Multi-agency security check **20** Final security check at airport

**Intensive security screening for all refugees
prior to admission to the U.S.**



FOR REFUGEE ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES



National Resettlement Organizations

1 Church World Services

2 Episcopal Migration Ministries

3 Ethiopian Community Development Council

4 HIAS

5 International Rescue Committee

6 Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

7 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

8 U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

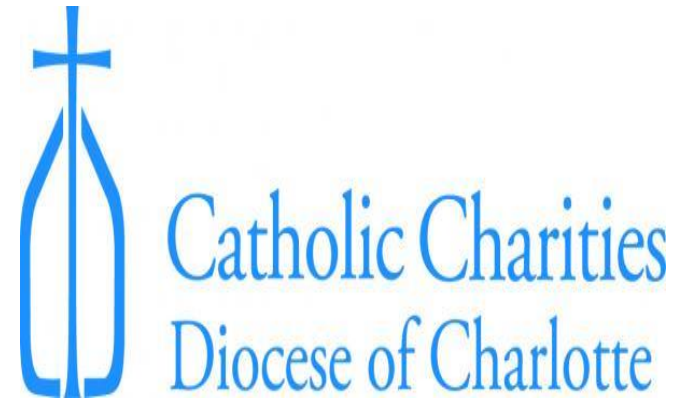
9 World Relief



Affiliate Agencies in Charlotte, NC



Carolina Refugee Resettlement
Agency (CRRA)



Catholic Charities Diocese of
Charlotte (CCDOC)



Role of Resettlement Agency



U.S. State Department Procedures and Guidelines

Initial Reception and Placement

First 90 Days

- Housing
- Health Department
- Employment
- Cultural Orientation
- Social Security Card
- School Enrollment
- ESL Enrollment



Department of Health and Human Services

Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

Services provided for up to 5 years

- Intensive Medical Case Management
- Employment/ Job Upgrade
- Immigration Services
- Citizenship Preparation Class
- Extra Support
 - Driving Course
 - Financial Literacy
 - Healthcare



Goals

- Promote self sufficiency and social adjustment
- Help refugees become contributing members of society
- Facilitate socioeconomic integration



Welcoming communities play a very important role in refugee resettlement



Refugees are eligible for citizenship after five years in the United States



What Can You Do?

- Donations
(household items, furniture, etc.)
- Volunteering
 - Office Support
 - Apartment Set Up
 - Client Transportation
 - Interpretation for Client Languages
 - Tutoring for Citizenship Preparation
- Internship
- Monetary Contributions



Be an advocate for refugees! Get involved!

