Refugee Resettlement in the U.S.A

Carolina Refugee Resettlement Agency, Inc.
Categories

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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

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<th>S.I.V (Special Immigrant Visa)</th>
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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.
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!*