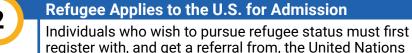
A Refugee's Journey to the United States

Refugee Flees Persecution



The Refugee flees persecution in their country of origin.

U.S. Refugee Admissions Program Processes the Application





The refugee undergoes a rigorous security screening by multiple U. S. security agencies. The process takes 18 to 24 months to complete.

Case is Approved

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Refugee's case is approved for resettlement by the federal U.S. Government.

High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). Their

application is then reviewed and processed through one

of the overseas Resettlement Support Centers (RSCs).

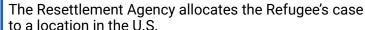


National Resettlement Agency



Refugee's case is assigned to a National Resettlement Agency.

Allocation to a Location in the U.S.



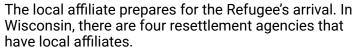


Refugee is Informed of the Location



The Refugee is informed of the resettlement location in the U.S.

Preparation for the Refugee's Arrival





Refugee Arrives in the U.S.

The local affiliate meets the Refugee (and their family) at the airport to help transition to life in the U.S. One year after arrival, they may become Lawful Permanent Residents. Five years after arrival, they may apply to become U.S. Citizens.

The Department of Children and Families is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need to access services, receive information in an alternate format, or need information translated to another language, please call the Bureau of Refugee Programs at (414) 270-4744. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or speech disabled can use the free Wisconsin Relay Service (WRS) - 711 to contact the department.

Services Provided to Refugee 10

Refugee receives support needed to thrive in their new community. They may enroll in social, employment, and educational programs funded by the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement.



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