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Program/ Chapter	Change
2.10.1 RSI Allowable Activities and Services	<p>The following Allowable Services and Activities were revised to better align reporting with service provision in the applicable areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. Facilitating childcare <b>and preschool</b> access and capacity development;</li> <li>15. Supporting <b>early childhood education academic and social preparation for preschool and kindergarten</b>;</li> <li>16. Facilitating parent integration and education on early care and education; and</li> <li>17. Providing <b>holistic sessions with parents and children parent-child sessions to build English skills or school readiness</b>.</li> </ul>
5.5.3 RCA Gross Income Test	<p>References to the Reception and Placement program, which is no longer administered under the Department of State as of January 7, 2026, were replaced with references to ORR's Program of Initial Resettlement (PIR) as follows:</p> <p>Certain income must be disregarded when counting income and assets. In addition to disregarded income listed in the W-2 manual in section 3.2.9, when completing the RCA Gross Income Test, any Welcome Corps funds granted to the RCA recipient, up to the current amount of <b>per capita direct assistance provided through ORR's Program of Initial Resettlement (PIR)</b> Reception and Placement (R&amp;P) funds from the Department of State, must be disregarded.</p>

<p>5.5.10 RCA Counting Income</p>	<p>References to the Reception and Placement program, which is no longer administered under the Department of State as of January 7, 2026, were replaced with references to ORR's Program of Initial Resettlement (PIR) as follows:</p> <p>Certain income must be disregarded when counting income and assets. In addition to disregarded income listed in the W-2 manual in section 3.2.9, when completing the RCA Gross Income Test, any Welcome Corps funds granted to the RCA recipient, up to the current amount of <del>per capita</del> <b>direct assistance provided through ORR's Program of Initial Resettlement (PIR)</b> <del>Reception and Placement (R&amp;P) funds from the Department of State</del>, must be disregarded.</p>
<p>5.5.11 RCA Disregarded Income</p>	<p>References to the Reception and Placement program, which is no longer administered under the Department of State as of January 7, 2026, were replaced with references to ORR's Program of Initial Resettlement (PIR) as follows:</p> <p>All earned and unearned income of all RCA members is counted in determining the 115% gross income test, with the exception of the income listed in section 3.82.9.1 of the <a href="#">W-2 manual</a>, and Welcome Corps funds granted to the RCA recipient, up to the current amount of <del>per capita</del> <b>direct assistance provided through ORR's Program of Initial Resettlement (PIR)</b> <del>Reception and Placement (R&amp;P) funds from the Department of State</del>.</p>
<p>6.1 RMA Overview</p>	<p>An outdated reference to the Refugee Programs Section was corrected as follows:</p> <p>"RMA is administered by W-2 agencies with guidance from the <b>Bureau of</b> <del>Refugee Programs Section</del> of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families' Division of Family and Economic Security (DFES)/Bureau of Working Families (BWF)."</p>
<p>6.5.2 RMA Disregarded Income</p>	<p>References to the Reception and Placement program, which is no longer administered under the Department of State as of January 7, 2026, were replaced with references to ORR's Program of Initial Resettlement (PIR) as follows:</p> <p>Note in particular that <b>ORR direct assistance</b> <del>Department of State Refugee</del> <del><a href="#">Reception &amp; Placement (R&amp;P) assistance payments</a></del> <del>cash income</del> <b>through its Program of Initial Resettlement (PIR)</b>, Matching Grant, Welcome Corps, and RCA payments are disregarded.</p>

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