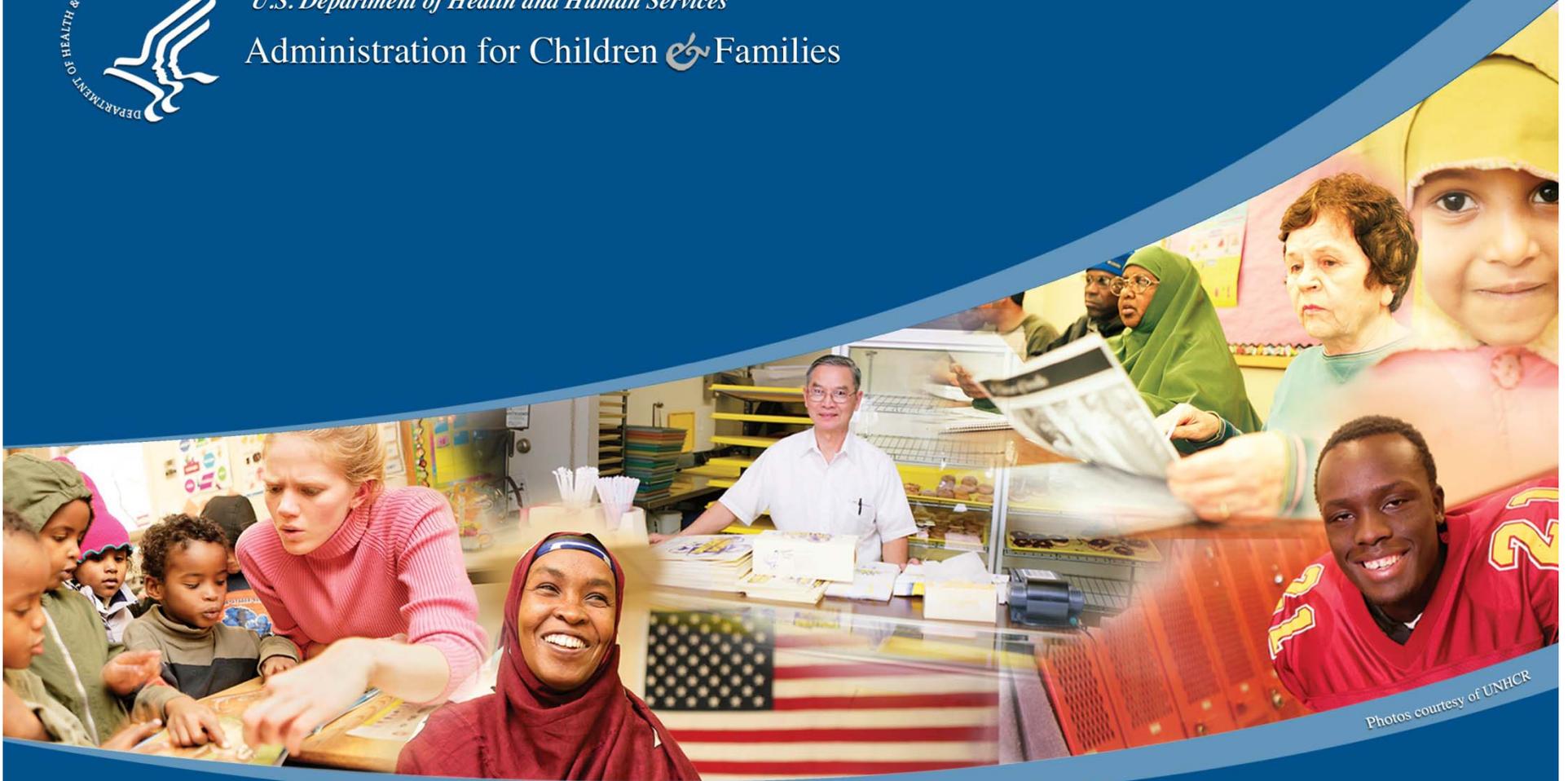




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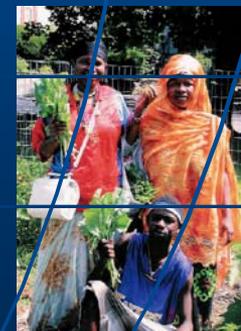
# Office of Refugee Resettlement

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Region IV TANF Workshop

## Improving Services for Refugees and Immigrants in TANF Programs

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# Overview

- Over 14 million refugees estimate worldwide.
- Less than a .5% are resettled annually.
- US takes the largest percentage worldwide.
- Over 9 million are in refugee camps for more than 5 years.

## Refugee Program - Who ORR Serves (Arrival Projections for FY 2011)

- Refugees – 80,000
- Asylees – 24,000
- Cuban/Haitian Entrants – 20,000
- Victims of Human Trafficking - 300
- URMs - 300
- SIVs – 3,000 SIVs (Afghan and Iraqi, including derivatives)

# FY 2011 Presidential Determination for Refugees by Region

**Africa: 15,000 – Burundians, Somalis**

**East Asia: 19,000 – Burmese, Hmong,  
Vietnamese, Tibetans, Bhutanese**

**Europe/Central Asia: 2,000 – Meskhetian  
Turks, Lautenberg cases and religious  
minorities from the former Soviet Union**

**Latin America: 5,500 – Cubans, Colombians**

**Near East/South Asia: 35,500 – Iraqis,  
Afghani, Iranian religious minorities**

**Unallocated Reserve: 3,000 – for emergency  
situations**

**Totals: 80,000**

# State Department – Reception and Placement

- Meets clients at port of entry with sponsor if any
- Provides initial apartment/house with basic necessities if not living with family
- Referral to mainstream or ORR programs
- Health screening, enrollment of children in school
- Orientation to community...

# **National Voluntary Resettlement Agencies "Volags"**

- 1. Church World Service (CWS)**
- 2. World Relief Corporation (WR)**
- 3. Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC)**
- 4. Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM)**
- 5. International Rescue Committee (IRC)**
- 6. U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)**
- 7. U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)**
- 8. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS)**
- 9. Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS)**
- 10. Kurdish Human Rights Watch**

# Who's Coming – FY2010/11

■ Iraq	18,016/6,581
■ Burma	16,693/10,176
■ Bhutan	12,363/7,629
■ Somalia	4,884/1,636
■ Cuba	4,818/1,959
■ Iran	3,543/1,142
■ Dem. Rep. Congo	3,174/590
■ Eritrea	2,570/1,099

# Refugee Mainstream Benefits

**Refugees are eligible for the same benefits as American citizens with limits;**

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Medicaid

Supplemental Social Security (SSI) -time limited unless they become naturalized

Food Stamps – time limited as above

**When refugees do not meet the eligibility requirements for these programs, ORR provides:**

Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)

Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)

for up to 8 mos. from arrival/eligibility through the State Refugee office.

# Eligibility / Assistance Estimates

- Out of the 129,000 projected arrivals, approximately 50 to 60% will be referred to TANF based on their eligibility.
- Approximately 40% will receive RCA or assistance through one of ORR's alternative programs (Match Grant or Wilson/Fish).
- Total State Administered RCA = \$75 million in FY2010

# ORR State-Administered Services

Each State has a State Refugee Coordinator and often a State Refugee Health Coordinator. The State Refugee Coordinator's office oversees services and refugee benefits to eligible clients in State and coordinates services within the State. Eligible clients are usually referred to State programs by Volags.

## Cash:

- Time-limited Cash Assistance (RCA)

## Health:

- Medical Assistance (RMA)
- Screening

## Services:

- Social Services
- Language training
- Employment
- Adjustment

# State-Administered Social Services and Targeted Assistance

- Refugees are eligible for ORR social services and TAG after arrival in the U.S.
- Services Include:
  - Employment Services
  - English as a Second Language
  - Orientation
  - Transportation
  - Interpretation and Translation
  - Skills / Vocational Training
  - Health-related Services
  - Recertification for professionals
- \$85 + \$49 Million in Formula Funding to States

# Performance Data

- State National Average – 42% employed at 180 days
- Average Wage \$9.02
- Employed with Health Benefits 61%

# Secondary Migration

- Many refugees are initially placed and may decide to move due to employment or family connections
- Often presents challenges as services may not be established in the new destination
- Difficult to track refugees and ensure services

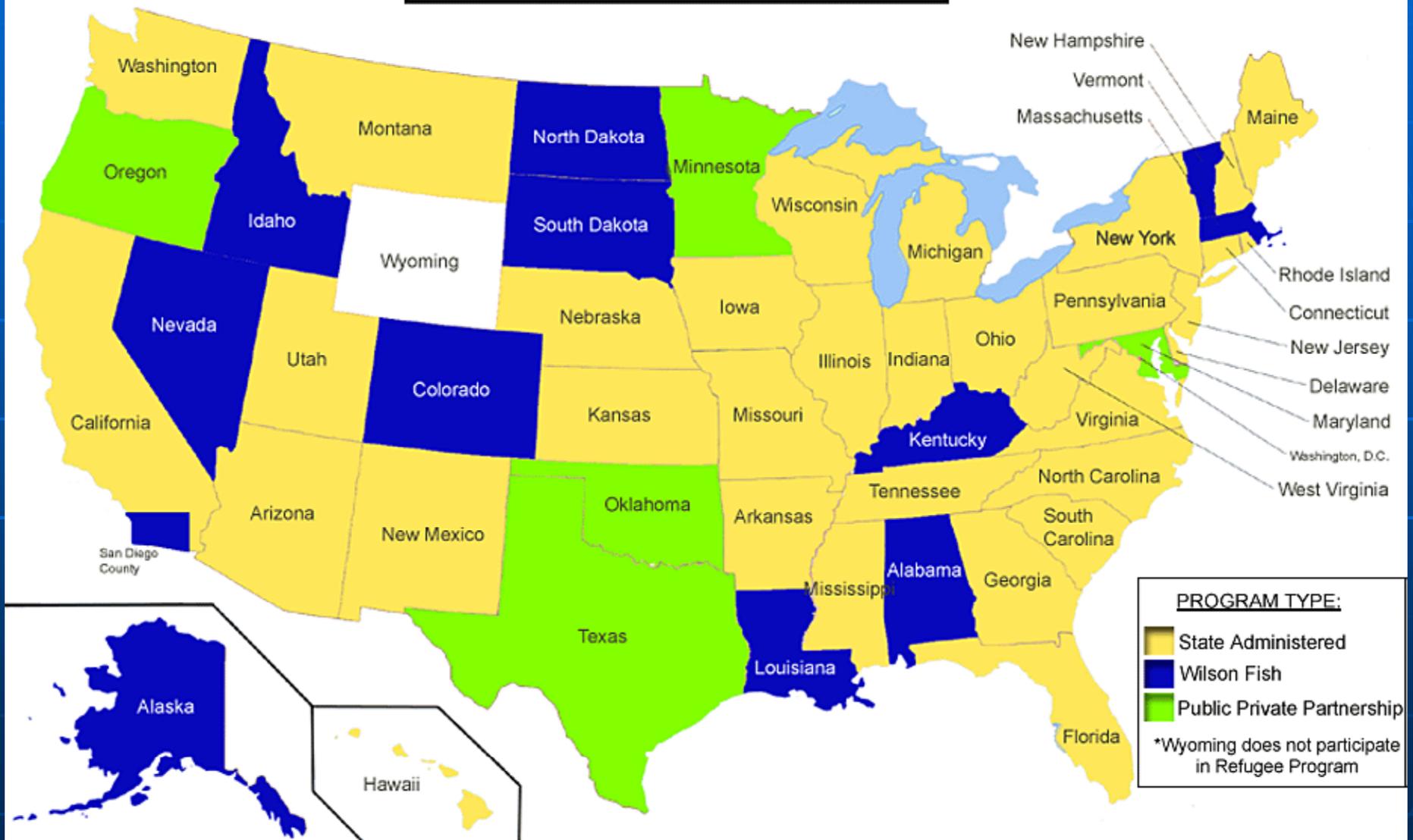
# Demographics / Challenges

- Higher % with severe and long-term medical needs
- Mental health needs, due to trauma and torture
- Highly skilled – with high expectations
- Low level skills, due to years in refugee camp setting
- Limited English or proficiency in own language
- Increasing % of female head of household

# Collaboration with OFA

- Interoperability
- Technical Assistance
- Data Sharing
- Coordination
- Resource Mapping

Click on Any State to Display Agencies and Services Funded by ORR



# Resettlement Patterns

## Burmese

Indiana  
Texas  
New York  
North Carolina  
Georgia  
Illinois

## Vietnamese:

Southern  
California  
Texas

Laotian Hmong  
Fresno, California  
Minnesota  
Wisconsin

## Middle East

Michigan  
California  
New York  
Texas

## Former USSR

New York City  
Northern  
California

## East Europeans

Midwest  
New York  
California  
Texas

## Africans

No real pattern

## Cubans and Haitians

South Florida  
New York/New  
Jersey  
Nevada,  
Tennessee,  
Kentucky,  
Arizona

Cambodians  
Massachusetts  
Long Beach,  
California

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