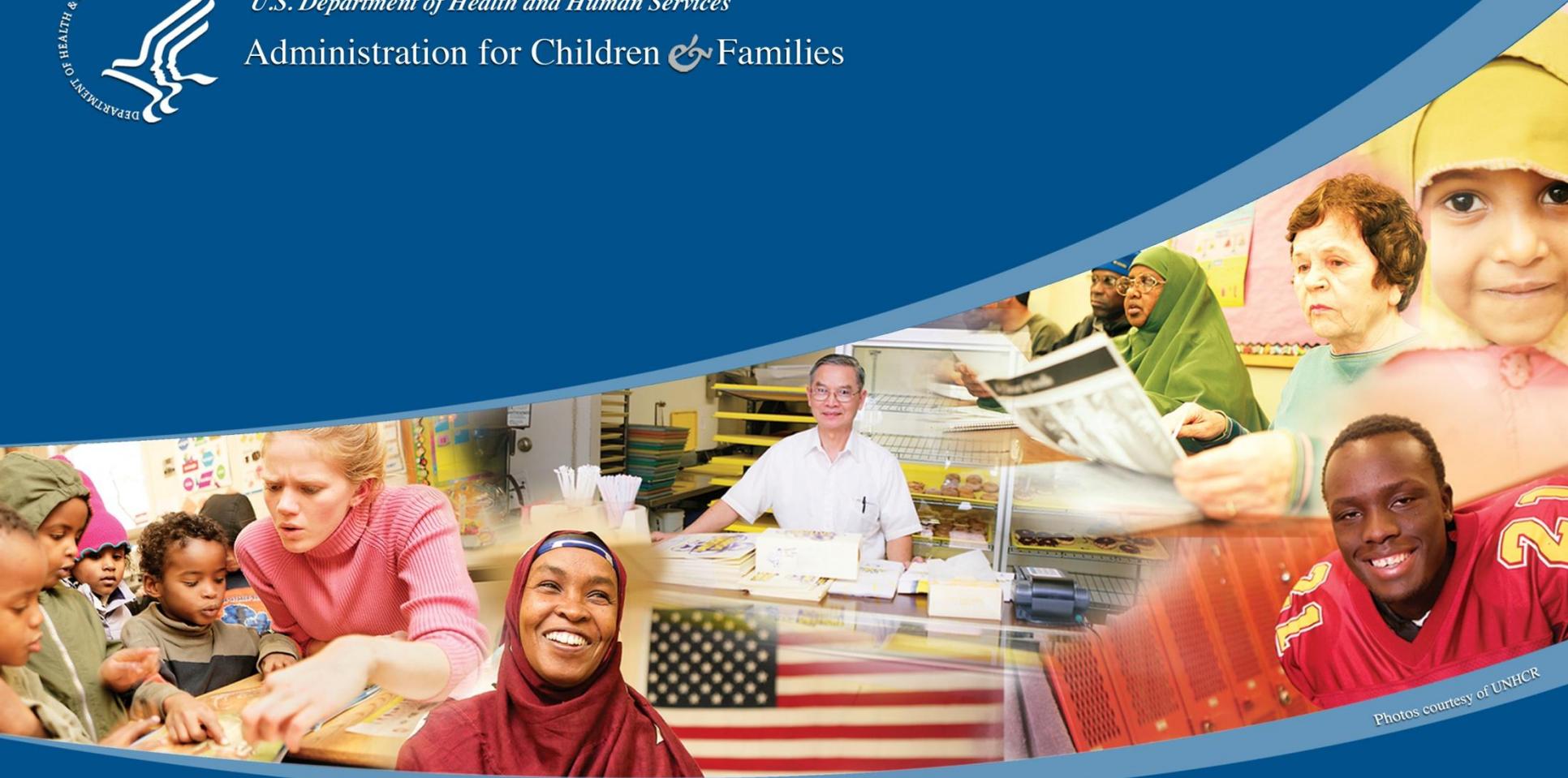




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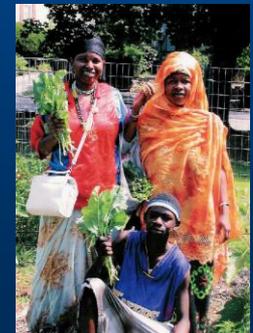
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Who Is A Refugee?

A refugee is someone outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution, on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.

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) as of 9/30/08**

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

Who's Coming – FY2010

■ Iraq	18,016
■ Burma	16,693
■ Bhutan	12,363
■ Somalia	4,884
■ Cuba	4,818
■ Iran	3,543
■ Dem. Rep. Congo	3,174
■ Eritrea	2,570

Where they Resettle

- FL - 17,969
 - NY - 10,494
 - GA - 8,092
 - VA - 7,020
 - NC - 6,901
 - PA - 6,271
 - MD - 4,856
 - NJ - 4,282
 - MA - 2,136
 - KY - 1,973
 - TN - 1,803
 - ME - 559
 - RI - 542
 - CT - 483
 - SC - 469
 - DC - 363
 - AI - 212
 - MS - 34
 - WV - 30
 - DE - 24
- **67% of all arrivals

How eligible clients come to us

Primary Case Refugees arrive through R&R grants between State and Voluntary agencies and referred to ORR programs.

Derivative refugees can arrive at any time and are referred by their family members.

Asylees are granted status here in U.S. and are referred by an asylum office or Immigration Judges

Cuban/Haitian entrants are identified at port of entry by DHS and referred to resettlement agencies

Victims of Human Trafficking are referred by federal law enforcement and victim advocate groups and tips to the ORR hotline

Iraqi or Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Holders – can be processed overseas or in US

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. State of Iowa**

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 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

- Refugees are eligible for ORR social services for the first *five years* 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 Million in Formula Funding to States

State-Administered Targeted Assistance

Support for counties or contiguous areas with:
Unusually large refugee and entrant populations

- High concentration of refugees in relation to the county population
- High use of public assistance

Services are employment related to assist refugee families who have been in the country longer, who are under-employed, and who need a second wage earner in the family.

Approximately \$54 million

Performance Data

- State National Average – 40% employed at 180 days
- Average Wage \$9.02
- Employed with Health Benefits 61%

Services Example

Free Case Single mother with four young children and elderly grandparents resettled in PA after 10 years in a refugee camp. No real work experience.

Services:

- TANF (based on State eligibility requirements)
- Assistance in enrolling in ESL and finding employment through social service funds (augmented in some counties with targeted assistance funds for impacted communities)
- Children would receive benefit of School Impact funds for ESL and after school tutoring.
- Elderly Program would link grandparents to mainstream programs for the aging

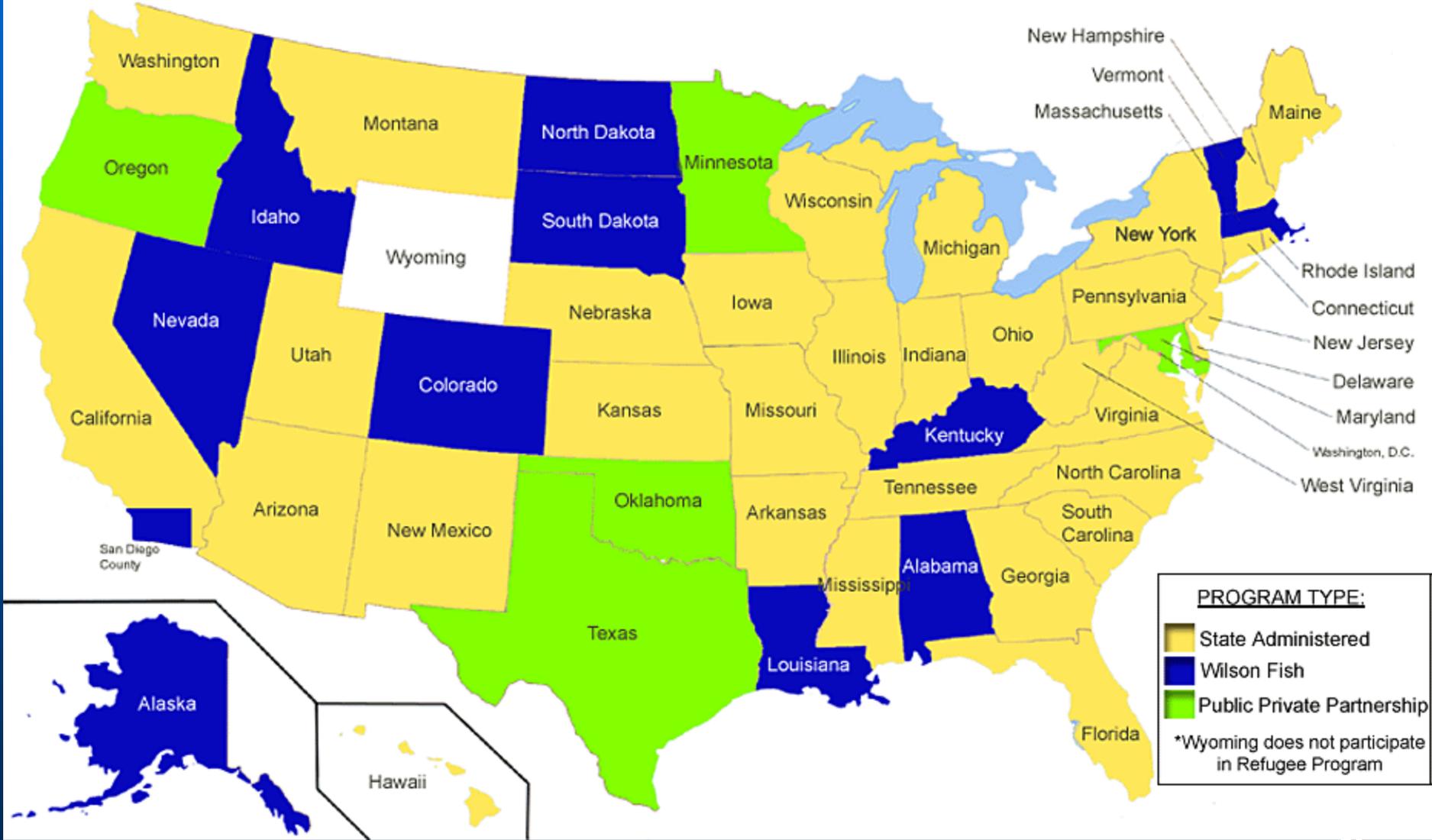
Demographics / Challenges

- 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

In the Works

- Stakeholders
- Social Services
- Housing Wavier
- Placement Coordination
- Orientation
- Career Laddering
- Refugee Health Screening
- Case Management

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



ORR Website

For more information, visit our website at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/>

