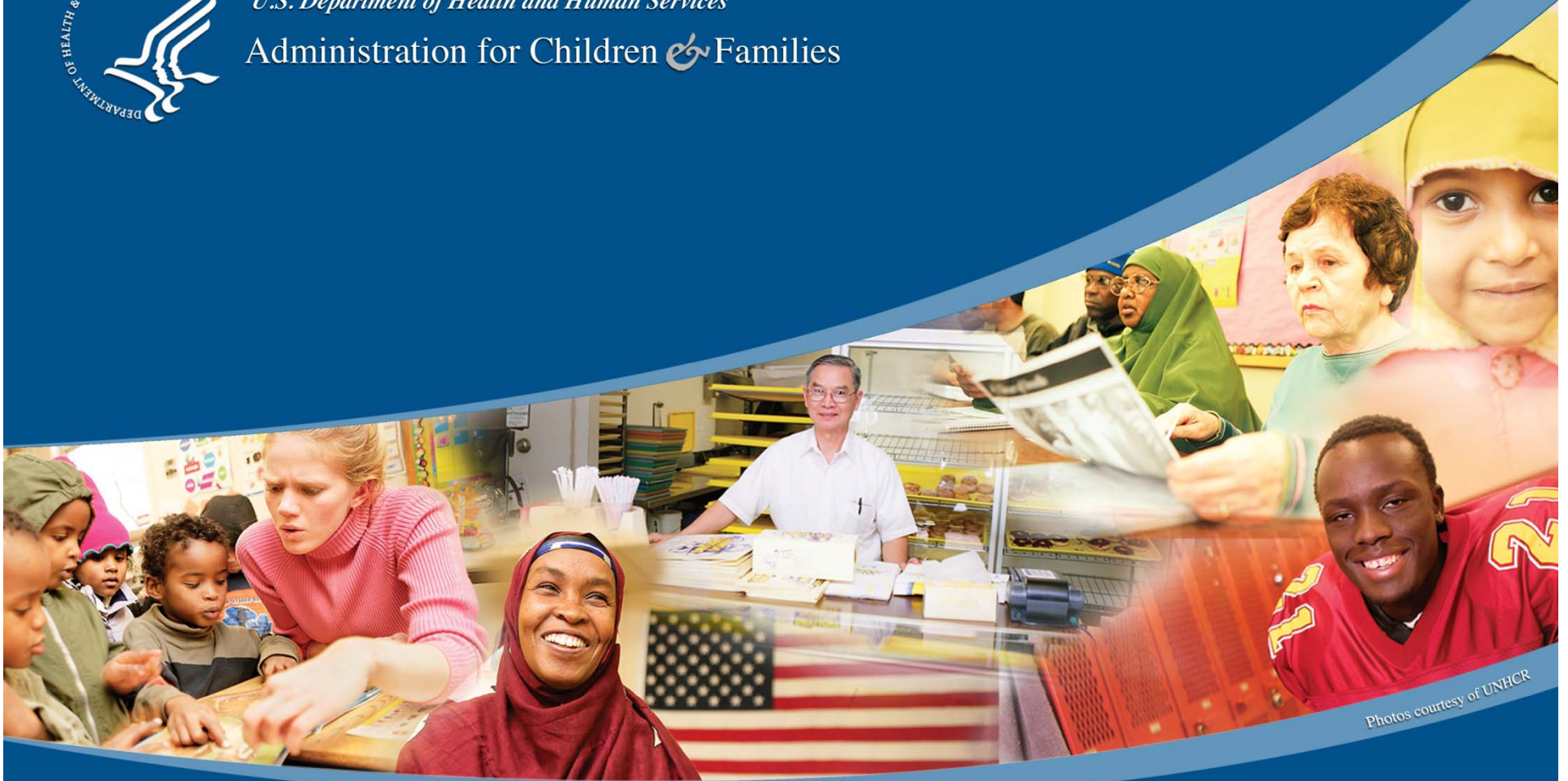




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Overview

- 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

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%

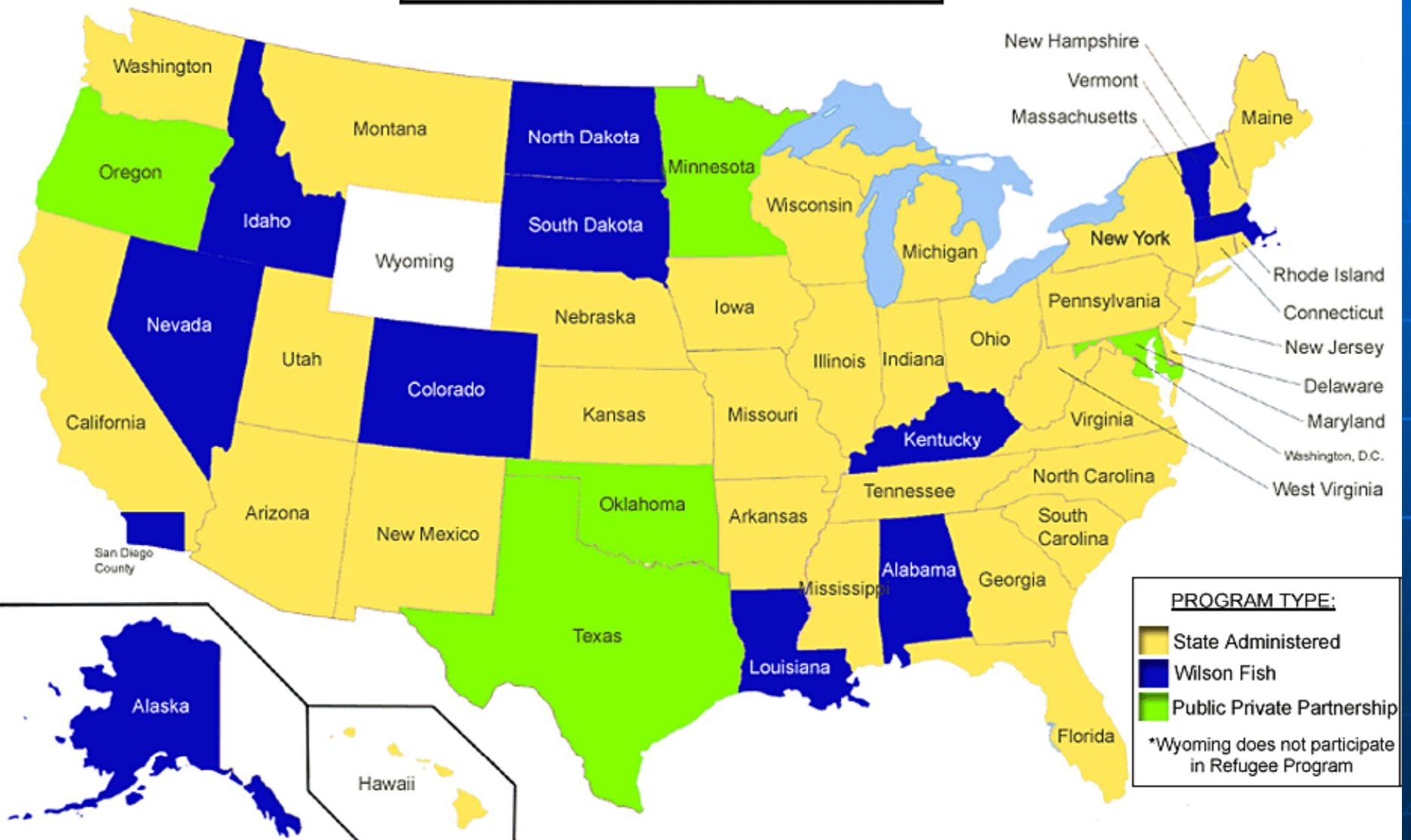
Secondary Migration

- 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

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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