

Early Learning *Refugee Champion* Cheat Sheet

As you participate in meetings, events, strategic planning, community needs assessment, providing services, etc.



- **YOU can help elevate refugee issues and concerns by:**
 - ✓ Asking, *How might foreign-born, newly arriving populations such as refugees be impacted?*
 - ✓ Ensuring all relevant populations, including refugees and their stakeholders, are being considered in mainstream discussions/initiatives (e.g., child development/parenting, early learning, etc.)
 - ✓ Bringing up refugee issues when relevant (e.g., addressing barriers to access, lack of mainstream awareness about refugees and mainstream structure that includes them, promoting equity, etc.)
 - ✓ Highlighting resettlement successes; partnership best practices/considering new opportunities
- **YOU can further promote refugee/immigrant integration by:**
 - ✓ Incorporating refugee TPs/voices/resources into initiatives, discussions, presentations
 - ✓ Facilitating connections between local/state/regional partners, grantees, and stakeholders and resettlement network (including linking ORR/ACF staff/regional reps as relevant)
 - ✓ Encouraging & prioritizing collaboration to support refugee services and programs
 - ✓ Promoting key refugee and early learning resources; joining welcoming communities efforts

Partnership Opportunities

Additional action items include:

- ✓ Invite all relevant Regional/State/Local Stakeholders & Shared Services Agencies to join:
 - strategic planning efforts & community needs assessment or development initiatives
 - boards, councils, committees, working groups
 - public engagement/outreach, listservs/newsletters, meetings and events
- ✓ Partner with families as their children's first teacher, advocate, and nurturer; and consider varying educational, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds, such as limited English proficiency
- ✓ Promote dual language learning; benefits of bilingualism; pursuing two-generation approaches
- ✓ Promote and collaborate to provide cultural competency and trainings for our early childhood providers to better provide meaningful access
- ✓ Promote community partnerships to help enable learning—Building strong early learning communities also means building welcoming communities
- ✓ Partner to observe World Refugee Day (June 20) and refugee's contributions; amplify refugee voices
- ✓ **Sign up** for ACF Early Childhood Development Newsletter (email marsha.basloe@acf.hhs.gov)
- ✓ **Sign up** for key ORR updates (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr>, scroll bottom right)
- ✓ Sign up for ACF's *Infórmate* newsletter (email Jesus.Garcia@acf.hhs.gov)
- ✓ Visit/promote *ACF's Family Room Blog* (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/blog>) & Strategic Plan (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/about/acf-strategic-plan-2015-2016>)
- ✓ Help support White House Task Force on New Americans efforts to promote refugee & immigrant integration across national, regional, state, and local programs and initiatives. (see <https://www.whitehouse.gov/new-americans>; https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/final_tf_newamericans_report_4-14-15_clean.pdf)

(Turn Over for More Key Resources →)

Key Resources:

ORR Links to Facilitate a Valuable Partnership—

- Regional/State contacts: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource/orr-funded-programs-key-contacts>
- State Programs (online funding map): <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/state-programs-annual-overview>
- Events Calendar (<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/events>) ; Refugee Voices <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/refugee-voices> & success stories: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/success-story>
- Network Resources: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/resource-library>
 - Welcoming America, Welcoming Refugees: <http://welcomingrefugees.org/resources>
 - Higher (training/technical assistance/refugee employment): www.higheradvantage.org

ORR & Refugee Health—

- <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/refugee-health>; <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/health> (including culturally/linguistically targeted refugee women’s health videos; emotional wellness videos; emergency preparedness booklet; health insurance for refugees)

HHS/ACF & Early Childhood—

- CDC multilingual developmental materials: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/downloads.html#languages>
- ACF Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/early-learning/ehs-cc-partnerships>
- ACF *Birth to Five: Watch me Thrive*: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/child-health-development/watch-me-thrive>
- ACF *Bridging the Word Gap*: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/child-health-development/bridging-the-word-gap>
- Autism awareness and acceptance: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/child-health-development/asd>
- Reducing Expulsion and suspension practices in early childhood settings: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/child-health-development/reducing-suspension-and-expulsion-practices>
- ACA--children, families, and early childhood programs: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/child-health-development/affordable-care-act>
- OHS National Center on Cultural & Linguistic Responsiveness includes Resources for Refugee Families/Providers:
 - A Translated Handbook on ‘Raising Young Children in a New Country
 - Head Start and Refugee Provider Communication Guide
 - Cultural Background Fact Sheets; and more

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/cultural-linguistic/refugee-families/main-refugee-families.html>

- ORR & Early Childhood— <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/school-impact>; <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/microenterprise-development-home-based-child-care-3>
- Joint OCC-ORR Guidance: Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) lead agencies and the Refugee Resettlement Networks can partner at the state, regional and local levels to increase refugee families’ access to high-quality child care; [OCC=Office of Child Care, ACF] <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/occ/news/new-information-memorandum-on-refugee-resettlement-and-child-care-partnerships>
- Joint Webinar & National Resource document on *linking refugee resettlement & early childhood networks* <http://childcareaware.org/node/2038>; <http://www.childcareaware.org/child-care-providers/resources/resources-for-refugees>

ORR & Ethnic Community Self-Help—<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/ethnic-community-self-help>

ORR & ACF Office of Community Services—Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and refugee resettlement networks partnership: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/resource/csbg-dear-colleague-letter-partnership-with-the-office-of-refugee-resettlement>

ACF & Human Trafficking—<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/program-topics/human-trafficking-0>

- National Human Trafficking Resource Center: www.traffickingresourcecenter.org (national, toll-free, 24-hour hotline (1-888-373-7888) provides callers with crisis intervention, tip reporting, comprehensive services, anti-trafficking resources and referrals)
- *Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking* Campaign: www.rescueandrestore.org; multilingual materials order form (free of charge): <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/rescue-campaign>