

Linking Early Childhood and Refugee Resettlement Networks

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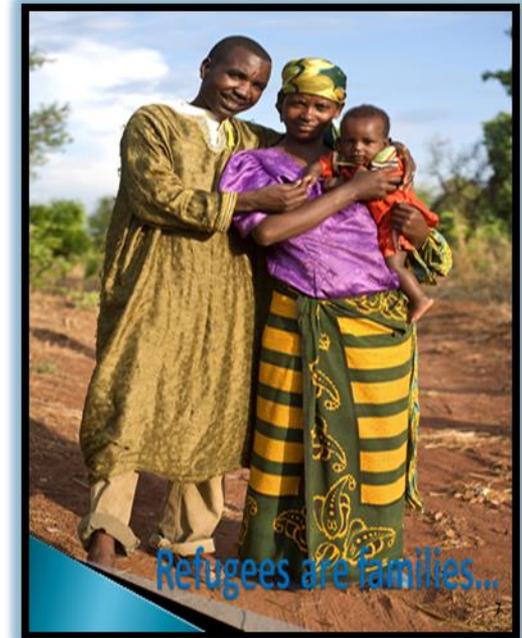
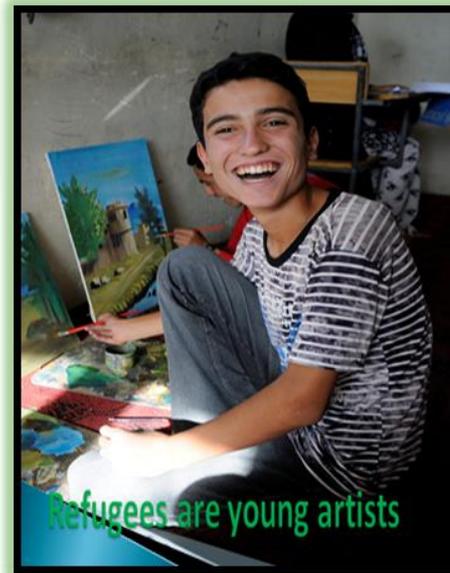
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Who are Refugees?



Did you know?

More than 3 million refugees have been resettled by the U.S. since 1975.

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ORR is committed to helping refugees and other vulnerable populations transition into their new lives in the U.S.

How? By providing benefits, services and linkages that enable refugees to achieve economic self-sufficiency and become integrated members of U.S. society.

ORR provides benefits and services to:

- ✓ Refugees
- ✓ Asylees
- ✓ Cuban/Haitian entrants
- ✓ Amerasians
- ✓ Survivors of torture
- ✓ Foreign victims of human trafficking

And also:

- ✓ Unaccompanied alien children
- ✓ Repatriated U.S. citizens



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- ORR Refugee Program Caseload Projections for FY2015

Entry Status	Total Projected
Refugees (including 2,250 URM)	70,000
Asylees	29,200
Cuban/Haitian Entrants	21,000
Foreign Victims of Human Trafficking	600
Special Immigrant Visa holders (SIV)	4,000
Total projected ORR caseload for FY2015*	124,800

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- FY2014 Top 4 Refugee Countries of Origin

Country of Origin	FY2014 Arrivals
Iraq	19,769
Burma	14,598
Somalia	9,000
Bhutan	8,434
All other countries combined	18,186
Total for FY2014	69,987

ORR's Resettlement Network

**9 national
Voluntary
Agencies**

**350 affiliated
resettlement
agencies**

**Ethnic
community
based
organizations**

**49 SRCs plus
SRHCs**

**Several affinity
groups (ARHC,
SCORR, RCUSA, etc.)**

**Other federal,
state, and local
partners**

Intersection between Resettlement & Mainstream Health/Human Services

Resettlement Benefits/Core Services→

Cash Assistance

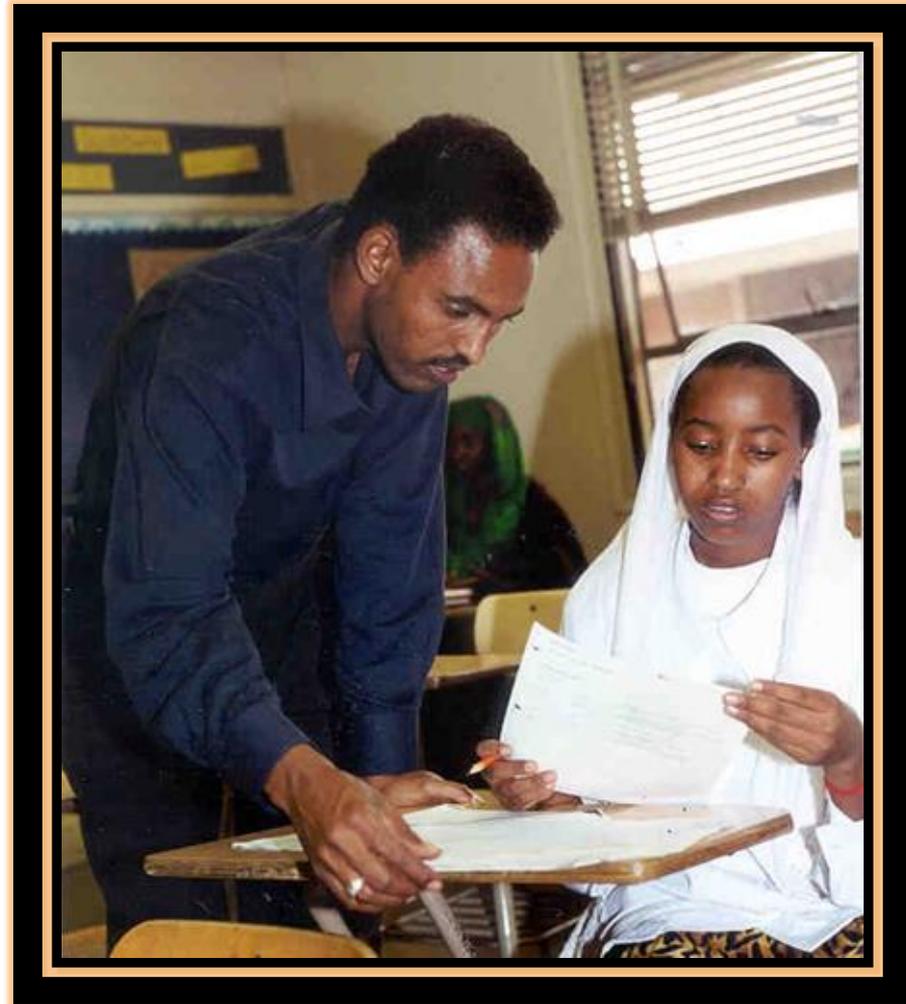
Medical Assistance

Employment

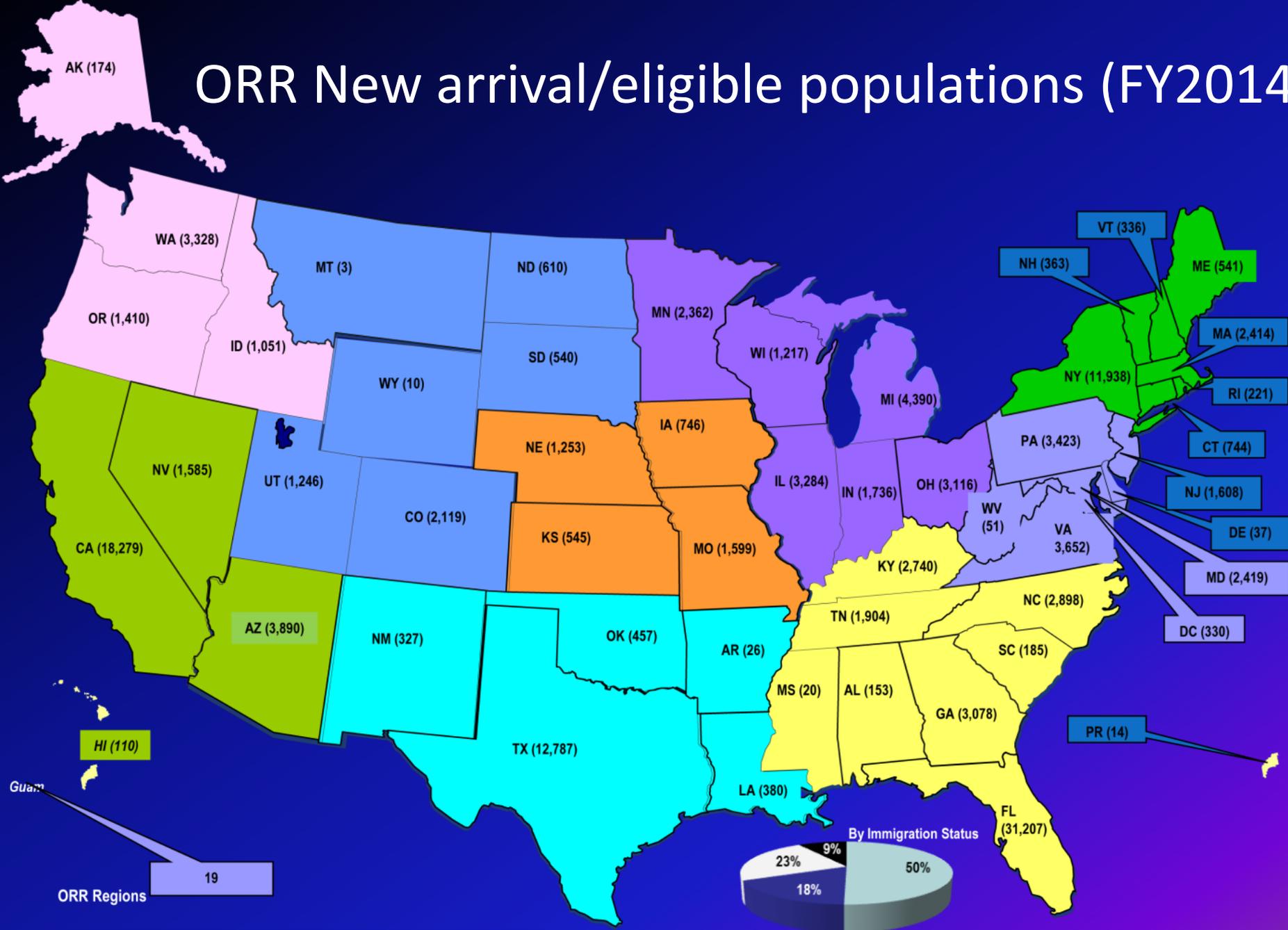
Housing

Education

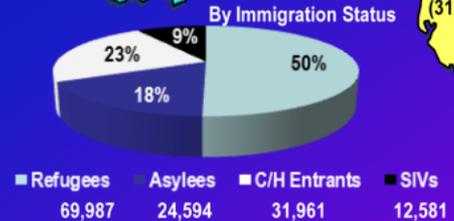
Additional Social Services (Up to 5 years)



ORR New arrival/eligible populations (FY2014)



ORR Region	Population
I	16,557
III	11,520
IV	42,185
V	16,105
VI	13,977
VII	4,143
VIII	4,528
IX	23,864
X	5,963



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- **State-Administered Social Services**
 - Refugees are eligible for social services for the first five years after arrival in the U.S. Culturally/Linguistically appropriate services include:

Employment Services

English as a Second Language

Orientation

Transportation

Interpretation and Translation

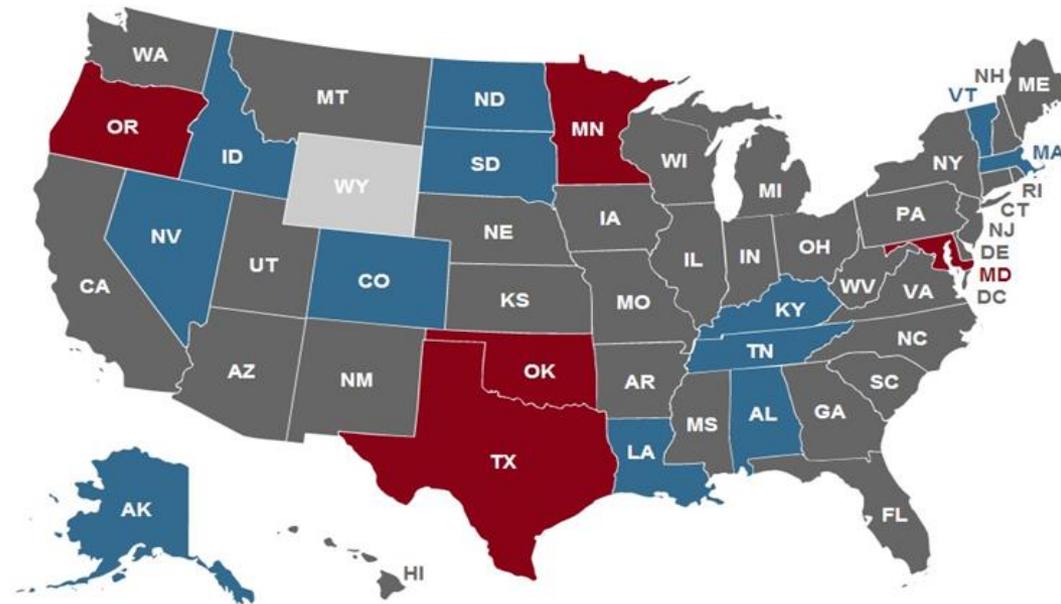
Skills / Vocational Training

Health-related Services

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- ORR Providers and Funding by State

State Programs Annual Overview



<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/state-programs-annual-overview>

Refugee Family Child Care Program Microenterprise Development

Provides business opportunities to primarily refugee women, focusing on childcare mentoring programs that will facilitate their integration into U.S. cultural norms and State Childcare requirements.



Key Features of a Successful RFCC Program

- Community engagement and networking is a key element of the RFCC program's success.
- Provide additional support and educational opportunities to its participants.
- Work diligently to form partnerships with other respected organizations in the community that work with child care providers, children, and families.

Refugee School Impact

- ORR Refugee School Impact Grants (RSIG)
 - Amount of Grant \$15 million
 - Number of grantees 38
 - States sub-grant to schools and resettlement agencies
 - Children served: 5-up to 18 yrs of age; approximately 70,000

RSIG Allowable Activities→

- ✓ English as a second language instruction
- ✓ After school and summer programs
- ✓ Parental involvement programs
- ✓ Interpreter services
- ✓ Bilingual/Bicultural counselors and aides
- ✓ Tutoring
- ✓ School liaisons

How can **YOU** be a *Refugee Champion*?



- ✓ **Sign up for ORR's listerv**
- ✓ **Help elevate refugee issues/concerns**
- ✓ **Reach out to resettlement network and ACF/ORR regional contacts**
- ✓ **In partnership, help promote refugee integration**
See the WH Task Force on New Americans
(and ACF Strategic Plan)
- ✓ ***Always ask, "How might newly arriving, foreign born populations such as refugees & asylees be impacted?"***
 - **Are refugee populations and stakeholders being considered in mainstream discussion items or initiatives?**