## Refugee Resettlement at a Glance

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## TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL









DAY OF ARRIVAL





**Receive word** of a family's arrival date and size from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and beain preparations. Contact any friends or family members. Find an apartment at a fair market rate, in a safe neighborhood, with access to aroceries, schools, transportation and services.

Furnish the apartment with all furniture and household supplies according to the family's size.

Pick up the family from the airport. An interpreter or someone who speaks their native language must be present.

Provide a **hot meal** the night of arrival and groceries to last a day. Make a follow-up home visit within 24 hours and take the family grocery shopping.



**Cultural** orientation

FIRST 10 DAYS













begins on day one. Walk the

family through emergency

procedure and cultural

norms the night of their

arrival.

Arrange iob interviews and ensure that the refuaee secures employment.

Enroll children in school within **30 days.** Provide ongoing school support, including educating parents on the U.S. school system, interpretation at parent-teacher meetings, homework help and school supplies.

Enroll the family in English (ESL) classes. Most refugees arrive speaking little to no English. Provide interpretation for all appointments.

Help the refugees sign their lease, register their mailbox, and sign on to utilities. Teach them how to use public transportation. Provide information on budgeting.

Help the family apply for social services like cash assistance and food stamps. Obtain work documents: employment authorization and a social security card.

Arrange medical appointments for all family members and provide transportation. Children need vaccinations to begin school. Help the family apply for health insurance.



refugee with



volunteers. Connect the

community resources.

Continue cultural orientation. over the course of three official sessions and a final assessment, Cultural education and orientation should be ongoing with every

interaction.

Provide case management to respond to any unmet needs. Make available counseling services and support.

FIRST 90 DAYS AND BEYOND



Refugees must be selfsufficient within 90 days. After that their government assistance runs out.

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ESL, transportation, medical case management, transportation, interpretation services, school support, immigration legal services, cultural orientation...

Remain part of the refugees' community and a primary contact as any life situations arise. Refugees lack a support network when they arrive. We are the people they trust.

SUPPORT SERVICES: Up to 5 years

(or more)

Learn more and get involved: CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/Refugee-Immigration