The U.S. Refugee School Impact Program

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WHAT WE DO

- **Face-to-Face & Virtual Professional Development**
  EL/immigrant family & community engagement, cultural proficiency, equity, language access, refugee resettlement, child development, cross-cultural parenting, mental health, unaccompanied minors, & more!

- **Online Courses (Graduate Credit Available)**
  We partner with English Learner Portal to provide online courses relevant to teachers, administrators, school counselors, social workers, family engagement professionals, and more.

- **Consulting**
  We work with school districts, refugee resettlement agencies, and other organizations on various projects related to family engagement, equity, language access, partnerships between school districts and community-based organizations, and more.

*Immigrant Connections improves the lives of immigrant children and families by helping educators, social workers, and other professionals better serve this population through training, coaching, and consultative services.*
NEW REPORT

https://www.immigrantsrefugeesandschools.org/resources
REFUGEE SCHOOL IMPACT PROGRAM

- Funding comes from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (41 states)
- Goals of the program: to strengthen academic performance and facilitate social adjustment of school-age refugees
- Specialized services for refugee students and families and capacity-building for school systems
- At least 6 ways the funding makes it way from state refugee offices to local level

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/programs/school-impact
EXAMPLE 1: REFUGEE SUPER SUPPORTER PROGRAM (NASHVILLE)

- All resettled refugee youth from past 2 years matched with a “Super Supporter”
- Ensures access to technology, training on digital tools, referrals, etc.
- Meet weekly
- 200+ students, mostly Arabic, Swahili, Burmese, & Somali

https://tennesseeregister.com/catholic-charities-offers-support-for-refugee-students-learning-virtually/
EXAMPLE 2: REFUGEE SUPPORT SERVICES AT DALLAS ISD

- Refugee tutoring program
- Refugee summer program
- Parent orientations for new arrivals
- Staff PD about refugees

https://thehub.dallasisd.org/2019/06/18/dallas-isd-refugee-summer-program-empowers-newcomers-to-succeed-through-education/

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Figure 2

**TYPE OF AGENCY FUNDED**

Breakdown of 164 agencies at the local level

- **47%** School Districts
- **35%** Refugee Resettlement
- **14%** Community Based Orgs
- **4%** Other
Figure 5

WHO STATES DISSEMINATE FUNDS TO:

- **38%** All Refugee & CBOs
- **32%** All School Districts
- **30%** Combination
Figure 16

**PRIMARİY ACTİVİTİES OF RSI PROGRAMS**

Number of states that fund each activity:

- **36** Family Engagement
- **32** English/Academic Support
- **31** Out-of-School Time Programming
- **30** Interpretation/Translation
- **24** Teacher Training
- **16** Mentoring/Peer Support
- **13** Mental Health
EXAMPLES OF PROGRAMMATIC PRIORITIES SET BY STATES

California
1. School districts
   1. Family engagement
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Community partnerships
   4. Adult ESL (English as a Second Language)
   5. Consumer advocacy
   6. Academic enrichment
   7. Orientation and service
   8. Parent involvement
   9. Interpretation services

Iowa
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Student academic support
   4. Early childhood education
   5. Social services
   6. Community partnerships
   7. Adult ESL (English as a Second Language)
   8. Employment pathways
   9. Civic engagement
   10. Children’s education

Maine
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Adult ESL (English as a Second Language)
   4. Family engagement
   5. Employment pathways
   6. Orientation and service
   7. Parent involvement
   8. Interpretation services

New Jersey
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Developmental skills
   4. Orientation and service
   5. Parent involvement
   6. Interpretation services

Oregon
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Case management
   4. Parent involvement
   5. After-school tutoring
   6. Academic enrichment
   7. Community partnerships
   8. Interpretation services

Tennessee
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Work-site services
   4. Parent involvement
   5. Interpretation services

Utah
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Family engagement
   4. Adult ESL (English as a Second Language)
   5. Employment pathways
   6. Civic engagement
   7. Children’s education

South Dakota
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Academic support
   4. Parent education
   5. After-school tutoring
   6. Academic enrichment

Texas
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Teacher training on working with refugee students and families
   4. Academic enrichment

Colorado
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Family integration
   4. Adult ESL (English as a Second Language)
   5. Orientation and service
   6. Parent involvement
   7. Interpretation services

Kentucky
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Family engagement
   4. Adult ESL (English as a Second Language)
   5. Orientation and service
   6. Parent involvement
   7. Interpretation services

Michigan
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Academic support
   4. Social services
   5. Civic engagement
   6. Children’s education

New York
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Family integration
   4. Adult ESL (English as a Second Language)
   5. Orientation and service
   6. Parent involvement
   7. Interpretation services

South Dakota
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Academic support
   4. Parent education
   5. After-school tutoring
   6. Academic enrichment

Texas
1. School districts
   2. Refugee resettlement
   3. Teacher training on working with refugee students and families
   4. Academic enrichment
Do you know your state refugee coordinator?
https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/resource/orr-funded-programs-key-contacts
## Impact of the Election

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Top 10 States for Refugee Resettlement
From 10/1/08 - 8/13/20

- Texas
- California
- New York
- Michigan
- Arizona
- Florida
- Washington
- Georgia
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania

ONLINE SELF-PACED COURSES

10 hours + final project = 1 grad credit
Open to individuals or cohorts anytime

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Each 5 hours. Fall session underway. Winter session begins January 11. Cohorts can be arranged anytime.