

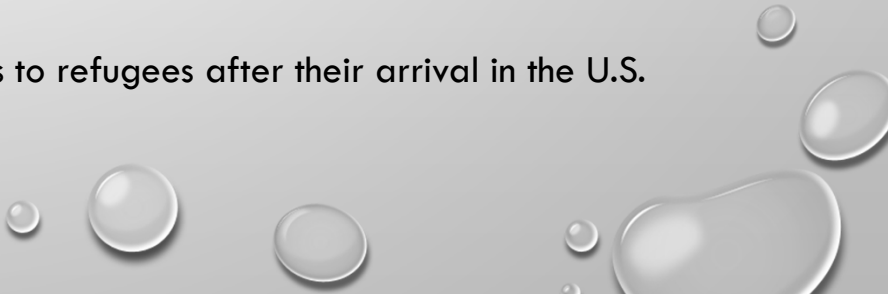
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REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE AND REFUGEE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

STATE OF OHIO OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT




The Ohio Refugee Resettlement Program has four components:

1. Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA): provides cash payments to eligible refugees. Ohio operates a publically-administered RCA program modeled after Ohio's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance program Ohio Works First (OWF).
 2. Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA): provides medical assistance to eligible refugees. Ohio operates a publically-administered RMA program modeled after Ohio's Medicaid program.
 3. Refugee Social Services Program (RSSP): provides employability services, English language training, and other services aimed at helping refugees attain self-sufficiency.
 4. Refugee Health Screening: provides health screening services to refugees after their arrival in the U.S.
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The RCA program is consistent with the provisions of the OWF program in regard to:

- The determination of initial and ongoing eligibility (treatment of income and resources, budgeting methods, needs standard);
 - The determination of benefit amounts (payment levels based on size of the assistance unit, income disregards);
and
 - All state TANF rules relating to financial eligibility and payments.
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WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF A REFUGEE?

- REFUGEE MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH ORIGINAL DOCUMENTATION ISSUED BY THE USCIS OR THE ORR OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATUSES UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT OF 1952:
 - PAROLED AS A REFUGEE OR AS AN ASYLEE
 - ADMITTED AS A REFUGEE
 - GRANTED ASYLUM
 - CUBAN OR HAITIAN ENTRANT AS DEFINED IN CFR 45 PART 401
 - AMERASIAN ADMITTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 584 OF PUBLIC LAW 100-202 AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 100-461
 - VICTIM OF A SEVERE FORM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING WHO HAS A LETTER DOCUMENTING ELIGIBILITY AS SUCH FROM THE ORR AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF A VICTIM OF A SEVERE FORM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING WITH APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION
 - AN AFGHAN OR IRAQI ALIEN GRANTED A SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA
 - A LAWFUL, PERMANENT RESIDENT, PROVIDED THE INDIVIDUAL PREVIOUSLY HELD ONE OF THE STATUSES IDENTIFIED ABOVE.

Refugees eligible for RCA:


- Are not eligible for OWF or SSI
- Have a date of entry or eligibility with 8 months of the application date
- Meet the application and income requirements of RCA

Refugees not eligible for RCA:

- Eligible for OWF or SSI
- Over income requirements for RCA
- Have a date of entry or eligibility more than 8 months from the application date
- Application for asylum is submitted but not granted
- Immigration status is other than refugee, special immigration visa, paroled, or asylum.



WHEN CONSIDERING ELIGIBILITY FOR RCA OR RMA, THE CDJFS DOES NOT CONSIDER:

- ANY RESOURCES REMAINING IN THE APPLICANT'S COUNTY OF ORIGIN
 - A SPONSOR'S INCOME AND RESOURCES TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO A REFUGEE SOLELY BECAUSE THE PERSON IS SERVING AS A SPONSOR; OR
 - ANY CASH GRANT RECEIVED BY THE APPLICANT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECEPTION AND PLACEMENT PROGRAMS.
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RCA AND RMA ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS FROM THE DATE THE REFUGEE ENTERS THE U.S. OR IS GRANTED ASYLUM OR OTHER ELIGIBLE STATUS.


Arrival Month	Last Eligibility Month
January	August
February	September
March	October
April	November
May	December
June	January
July	February
August	March
September	April
October	May
November	June
December	July

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- VERIFICATION OF THE AUTHENTICITY OF DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY THE INDIVIDUAL THROUGH SAVE SYSTEM
- NOTIFY THE LOCAL RESETTLEMENT AGENCY THAT THE REFUGEE HAS APPLIED FOR CASH ASSISTANCE
 - VERIFY FROM THE RESETTLEMENT AGENCY THAT THE REFUGEE HAS NOT VOLUNTARILY QUIT OR REFUSED A VALID OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE THIRTY DAYS PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR CASH ASSISTANCE.
- THE COUNTY MUST NOTIFY THE RESETTLEMENT AGENCY OF ANY ACTION INVOLVING:
 - THE TERMINATION OF BENEFITS,
 - REMOVAL OF ONE OR MORE PERSONS FROM AN ASSISTANT GROUP, OR
 - A CHANGE IN THE DELIVERY OF BENEFITS.
- THE COUNTY MUST ADHERE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REGARDING RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT AND CORRECTIONS OF UNDERPAYMENT.
- NOTIFY THE RCA APPLICANT THAT THEY HAVE ALL THE HEARING AND NOTICE RIGHTS SET FORTH IN DIVISION 5101:6 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.



WORK ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS OF RCA

- EMPLOYABLE RCA RECIPIENTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICES.
 - THERE IS NO MINIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS OF PARTICIPATION IN EMPLOYABILITY SERVICES TO RECEIVE RCA.
 - OWF WORK ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS DO NOT APPLY TO RECIPIENTS OF RCA
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EXEMPTIONS TO RCA WORK REQUIREMENTS

- INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 16
- INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 19 WHO ARE FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL OR IN THE EQUIVALENT LEVEL OF VOCATIONAL OR TECHNICAL TRAINING
- INDIVIDUALS OVER 64 YEARS OF AGE
- INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE THE SOLE CAREGIVER OF A CHILD UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE OR OTHER FULL DEPENDENT PERSON (VERIFICATION NEEDED)
- INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNABLE TO WORK FOR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HEALTH REASONS (PHYSICIAN VERIFICATION REQUIRED)



REFUGEE SOCIAL SERVICES (RSS) PROVIDER DEFINITION:

A GOVERNMENT ENTITY OR A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN OHIO THAT IS A DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDER TO LOW INCOME POPULATIONS. A RSS PROVIDER MUST PROVIDE EMPLOYABILITY SERVICES SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO ENABLE A REFUGEE TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT AND/OR TO IMPROVE THE EMPLOYABILITY OR WORK SKILLS OF THE INDIVIDUAL. THE RSS PROVIDER MUST HAVE AN ESTABLISHED PROGRAM OF JOB REFERRAL TO AND JOB PLACEMENT WITH PRIVATE EMPLOYERS.

OHIO RSS PROVIDERS HAVE ENTERED INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES.

COUNTIES WITH A RSS PROVIDER SHALL:


- WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF ASSISTANCE, REFER ALL EMPLOYABLE RCA RECIPIENTS TO RECEIVE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES THROUGH THE DESIGNATED RSS PROVIDER.
 - REGARDLESS OF THE RESETTLEMENT AGENCY, THE DESIGNATED PRIMARY PROVIDER OF RSS IS THE COORDINATOR FOR THE RSS PROGRAM AND MUST RECEIVE ALL REFERRALS FOR WORK ACTIVITY.
 - ASYLEES, SECONDARY REFUGEES, CUBAN AND HAITIAN ENTRANTS, AND TRAFFICKING VICTIMS RECEIVING RCA WILL NOT HAVE A RESETTLEMENT AGENCY AND HAVE TO BE REFERRED TO THE PRIMARY PROVIDER TO ASSURE PROPER SERVICES.
- INFORM A REFUGEE RECEIVING RCA IN WRITING THAT FAILURE WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICES MAY AFFECT THEIR ASSISTANCE PAYMENT.
- MONITOR CHANGES IN EXEMPTION STATUS AND REFER REFUGEES WHO ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM PARTICIPATION TO THE PRIMARY RSS PROVIDER.
- PERMIT, BUT NOT REQUIRE, THE VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION FOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OF AN RCA RECIPIENT WHO IS EXEMPT FROM PARTICIPATION. THE CASH BENEFIT CANNOT BE IMPACTED BY A FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE.
- REFER ALL REFUGEES AGE 65 AND OLDER FOR SSI. REFUGEES AGE 65 AND OLDER MAY RECEIVE RCA PAYMENTS FOR 8 MONTHS FROM DATE OF ENTRY OR ELIGIBILITY OR UNTIL THEIR SSI IS APPROVED.

COUNTIES AND CORRESPONDING RSS PROVIDERS

Counties Served	Primary RSS Provider
Franklin, Delaware, Fairfield, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union	Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services
Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, and Warren	Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio
Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina	Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services
Summit, Portage, Stark, and Carroll	International Institute of Akron
Montgomery, Greene, and Miami	Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley
Lucas, Fulton, Ottawa, and Wood	US Together, Inc.



COUNTIES WITHOUT A RSS PROVIDER

- MAY REFER RCA RECIPIENTS TO EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING IN THEIR AREA
 - RCA BENEFITS CANNOT BE IMPACTED BY A REFUGEE'S FAILURE TO VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATE IN SERVICES.
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REFUGEE NONCOMPLIANCE

RSS PROVIDER RESPONSIBILITIES

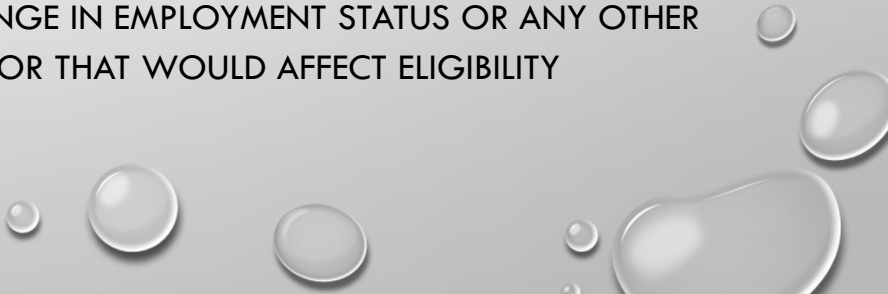
- NOTIFY THE COUNTY OF ANY NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYABILITY PLAN
- NOTIFY THE COUNTY IF A REFUGEE QUILTS A JOB OR FAILS OR REFUSES WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE

COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

- DETERMINE GOOD CAUSE AS DESCRIBED IN RULE 5101:1-3-13 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
- IF GOOD CAUSE IS NOT FOUND SANCTIONS ARE APPLIED
 - 3 PAYMENT MONTHS FOR THE FIRST FAILURE
 - TERMINATION FOR SUBSEQUENT FAILURES
- IF THERE ARE OTHER ASSISTANCE GROUP MEMBERS, THE SANCTIONED MEMBER'S NEEDS ARE NOT CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING THE GROUP'S NEED FOR ASSISTANCE



RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REFUGEE

- PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF REFUGEE STATUS
 - PROVIDE THE NAME OF THE RESETTLEMENT AGENCY THAT HELPED WITH RESETTLEMENT IN THE US (IF APPLICABLE)
 - WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF RCA, PARTICIPATE IN EMPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICES
 - COMPLY WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYABILITY PLAN (PROVIDED BY RSS PROVIDER)
 - GO TO JOB INTERVIEWS
 - ACCEPT AT ANYTIME, FROM ANY SOURCE AN OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT, AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT MEET ALLOWABLE EMPLOYMENT EXCEPTIONS.
 - WITHIN 10 CALENDAR DAYS, REPORT TO THE COUNTY AGENCY OR THE RSS PROVIDER, A CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS OR ANY OTHER FACTOR THAT WOULD AFFECT ELIGIBILITY
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REFUGEE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- BENEFIT LENGTH IS THE SAME AS FOR REFUGEE CASH – 8 MONTHS FROM DATE OF ELIGIBILITY
 - BENEFITS MUST IN OHIO BENEFITS SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER CATEGORIES OF MEDICAID MUST BE EXPLORED, PRIOR TO ISSUING RMA.
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