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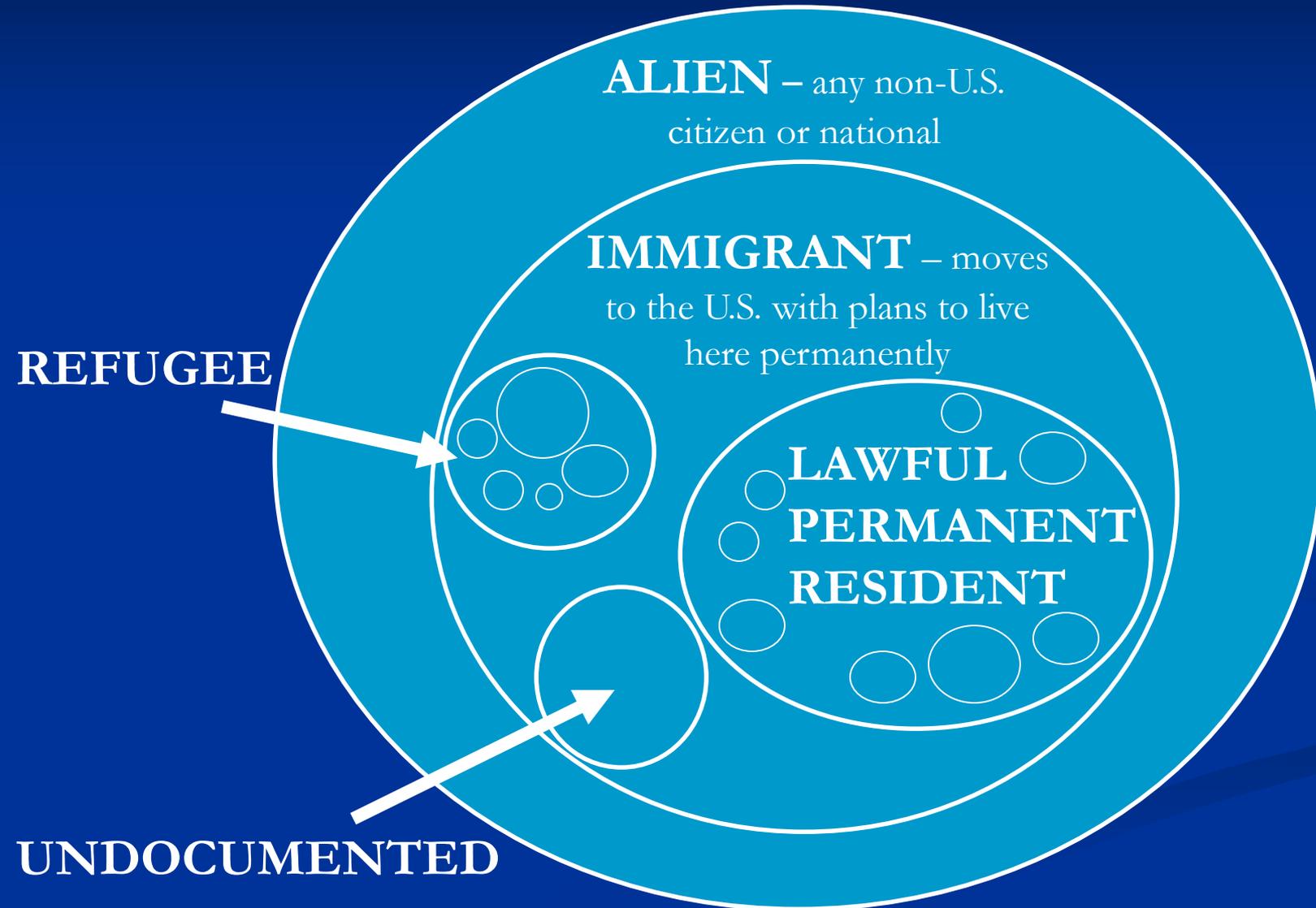
Refugee Training for Counties where Refugee Resettlement Agencies are Located

Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
Refugee Services Section

**Alien, Immigrant,
Refugee:**

Are They All the Same?

Alien vs. Immigrant vs. Refugee



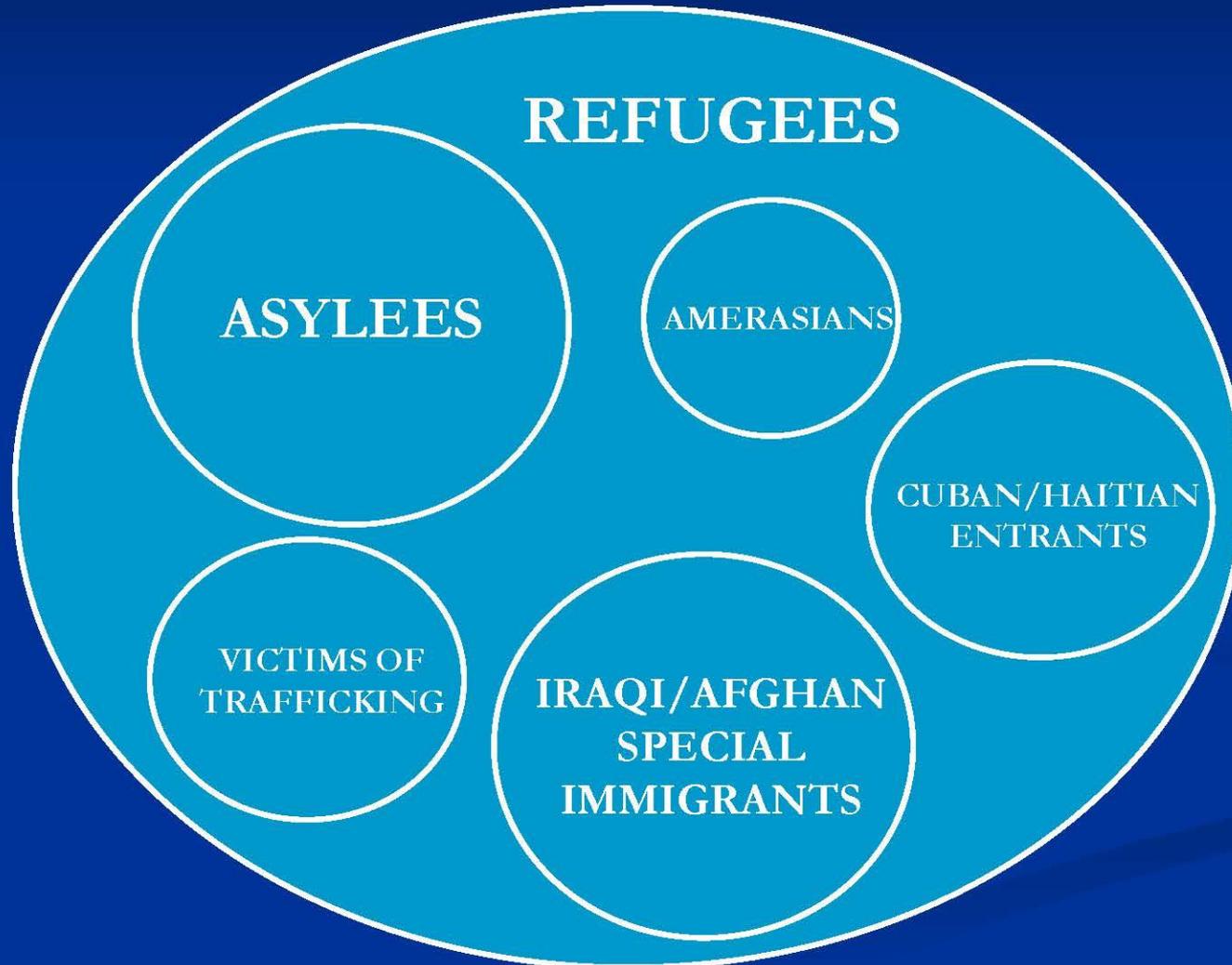
Definitions

Alien – any non-U.S. citizen or national

Immigrant – someone who comes to U.S. with plans to live here permanently

Refugee - someone outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return to or have the protection of that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution, on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion

Classes of Refugees



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Asylee - a person **granted** asylum in the U.S. Meets the definition of refugee, but has made their way to the U.S. some other way and applied for the status in the U.S.

Cuban/Haitian Entrant – an individual from Cuba or Haiti who: Is granted parole status as a Cuban/Haitian Entrant (Status Pending) or a Cuban or Haitian national paroled into U.S.; Is subject to removal, departure or exclusion proceedings under the Immigration and Nationality Act; or Has an application for asylum pending and with respect to whom a final, nonappealable, and legally enforceable order of removal, deportation or exclusion has not been entered

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Victim of Human Trafficking – a person who, through the use of force, fraud or coercion, was victim of sex or labor trafficking.

Amerasian –Vietnamese alien fathered by a U.S. citizen between 1962-1975 and his/her spouse and children, mother, siblings, etc.

Iraqi or Afghan Special Immigrant (SIV) -
Classification for certain individuals and their families from Iraq or Afghanistan who helped the U.S. military.

How Do Refugees Come to the United States?



How Does a Refugee Become a “Refugee”?

- War, persecution or fear of persecution in home country
- Flee homeland to foreign country
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
 - International agency to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees
 - Determines best “Durable Solution”
 - Refers cases for resettlement

Access to the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program

- Priority 1 – Any Nationality – referral from UNHCR or U.S. Embassy
- Priority 2 – Special Groups
- Priority 3 – Family Reunification for Certain Family Members from Designated Countries (FFY 2011 – Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Republic of Congo, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Uzbekistan, and Zimbabwe)

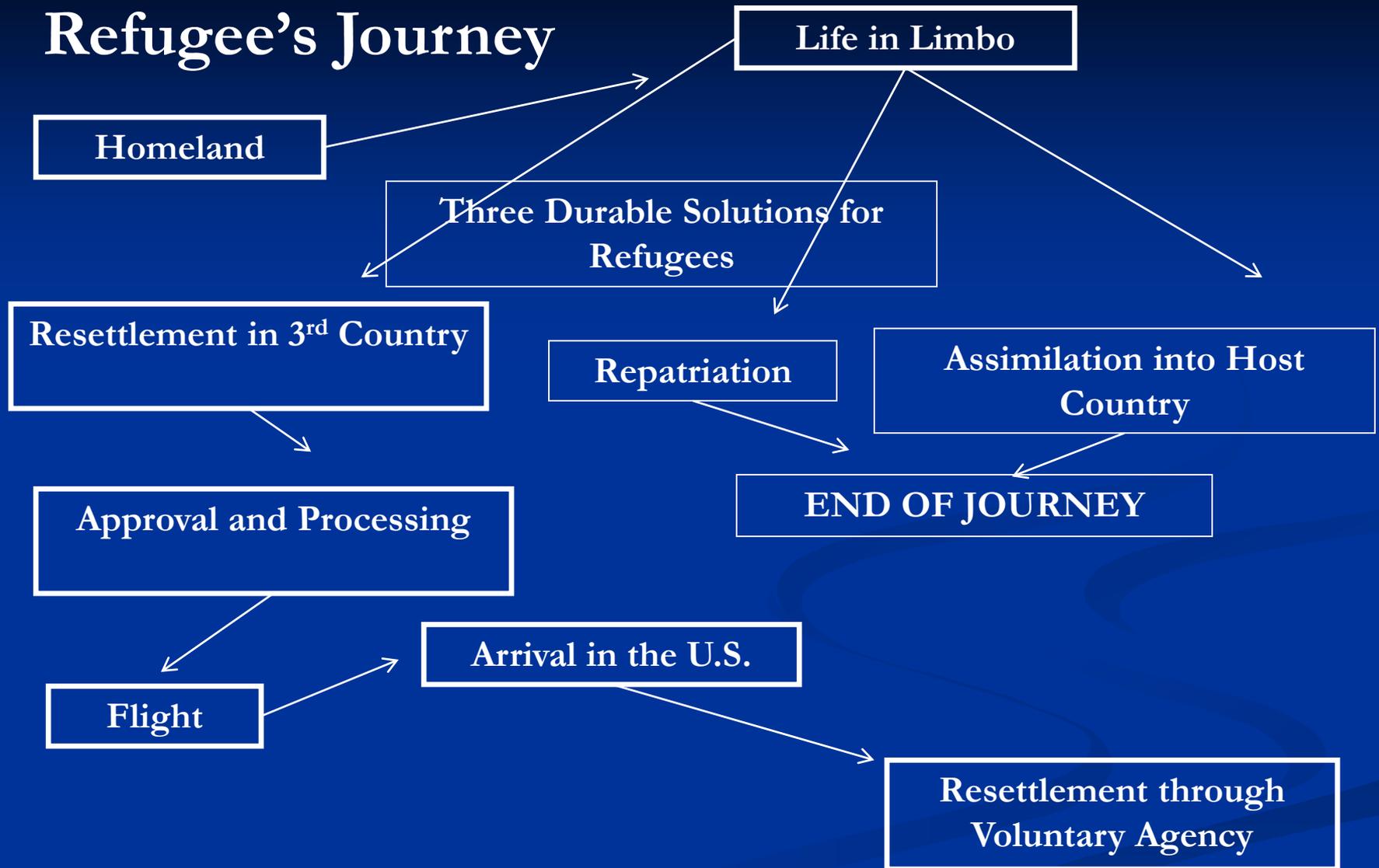
After Referral for U.S. Resettlement

- If resettlement is the only Durable Solution and a referral is made to the U.S.:
 - U.S. Department of State – Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration
 - Overseas Processing Entity (OPE)
 - Voluntary Agencies (VOLAGs)
 - Department of Homeland Security – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
 - International Organization for Migration (IOM) – Travel Loan

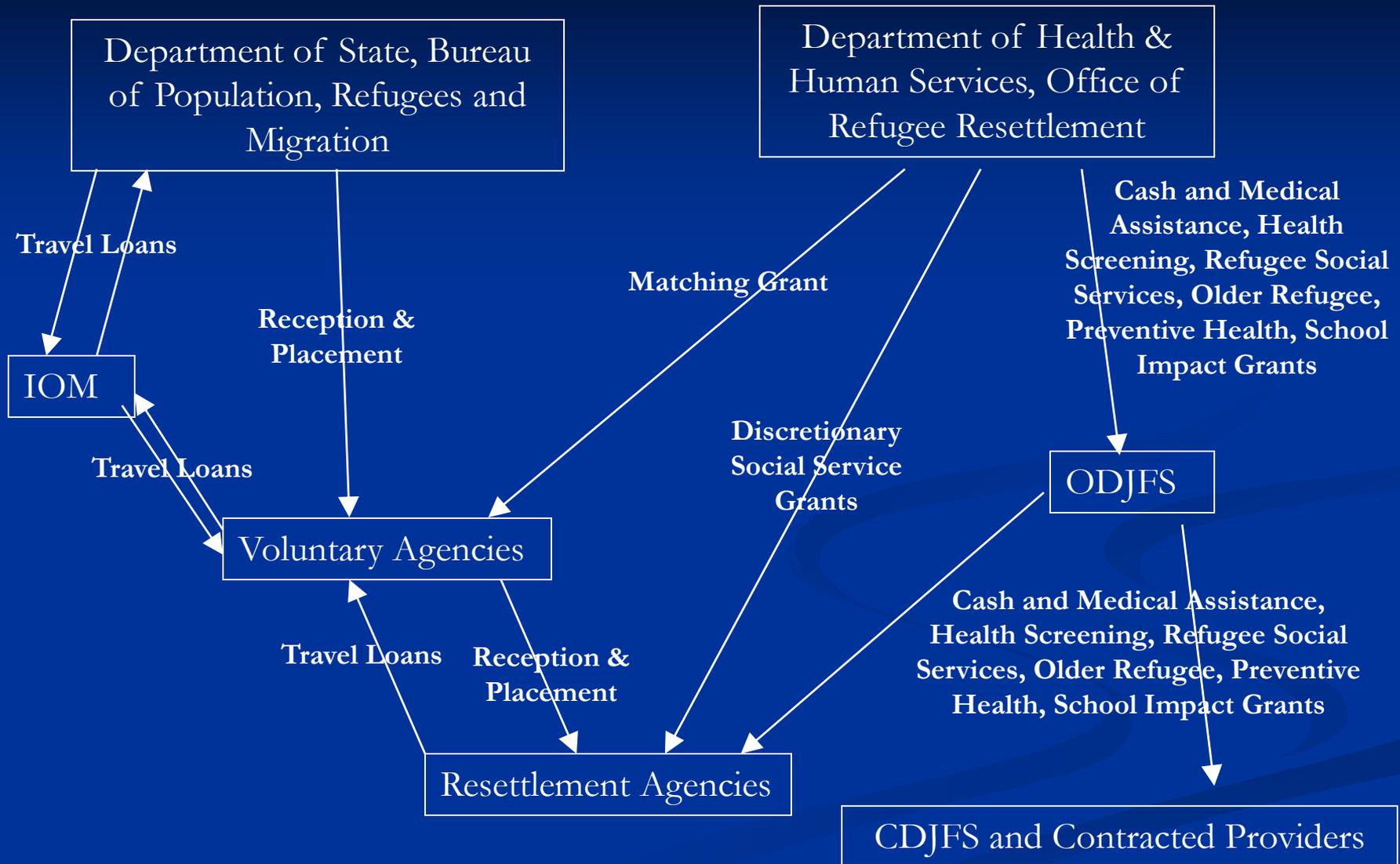
Assistance to Refugees in the U.S.

- Resettlement Agency (RA) – Local affiliate of a VOLAG who does the ground work
 - Secures and prepares housing
 - Meets at airport
 - Links to benefits and services
 - *Not* financially responsible “sponsors”
- Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – responsible for employment and other social service programs
- County Department of Job and Family Services – responsible for administering refugee benefits

Overview of a Refugee's Journey



Refugee Funding Overview



Where do most refugees come from?



**The Uprooted:
15 Million External Refugees
27 Million Internally Displaced Persons**

Less than 1% make it to the U.S.



Source: UNHCR 2009 Global Trends Report

How Many Refugees Come to Ohio?

FFY 2017	FFY 2018
3,055	1,465

- Refugees are resettled in Franklin, Cuyahoga, Summit, Montgomery, Lucas and Hamilton counties

Source: U.S. Department of State, Refugee Processing Center

Where are Ohio's Refugees Coming From?

Country of Origin	Ohio Refugee Arrivals FFY 2018
Bhutan	560
Central African Republic	170
Ukraine	147
Afghanistan	126

- ❖ Arrivals from other countries include: Eritrea, Burma, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia, El Salvador,

Goals of the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program

- Refugees will achieve self-sufficiency and integration within the shortest time period after arriving in the United States
 - Employment Services/Self-Sufficiency
 - Must participate in employment services within 30 days of receipt of cash assistance
 - English Language Training
 - Should be concurrent with job search activities
 - Cannot be pursued in place of an offer of employment

Source: 45 CFR Part 400.1

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