Newcomer Resettlement & Health Program

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Who is a Refugee?

A **Refugee** is “any person who is outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution…based on…race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.”

US Citizenship & Immigration Services Definitions

U.S.A.

U.S. Citizen

Non-Citizen

Immigrant

Non-Immigrant

LPR

authorized employment

undocumented individual

student

visitor on business

tourist

Persons fleeing from persecution

refugee

asylee

parolee

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National Statistics
REGIONS of the WORLD

THE AMERICAS
and the CARIBBEAN

EUROPE

MIDDLE EAST

AFRICA

SOUTH and CENTRAL ASIA

EAST ASIA and the PACIFIC
Refugee Resettlement - National Perspective

Federal FY 09 Arrivals – 74,652

Country of origin

- Africa: 9669
- LA & CB: 4857
- Europe & Central Asia: 1997
- Near East & South Asia: 38279
- East Asia: 19850
Refugee Resettlement – National Perspective

During FFY 08

- California (9,472)
  - Texas (5,113)
  - Florida (3,715)
  - New York (3,628)
  - Michigan (3,292)
  - Arizona (3,005)

- In 08, in Virginia ranked among the top 15 states across the nation in RR
Asylee Resettlement – National Perspective

During FFY 08

• California (34%)
• Florida (20%)
• New York (10%)
• Maryland (4.6%)
• Virginia (4.3%)
• Washington (2.7%)
## Components of Refugee Resettlement & Health Screening

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VA Refugee Resettlement Program
VA RR Agencies

• Catholic Diocese of Arlington
• Catholic Diocese of Richmond
• Lutheran Immigrant & Refugee Services
• Virginia Council of Churches
• International Rescue Committee
• Commonwealth Catholic Charities, Unaccompanied Minors Program
Refugee Arrivals to Virginia

Year of Arrival

2005  2006  2007  2008  2009

1711  1743  1302  1728  2509

Number of Refugees
Refugee Resettlement to Virginia
Country of Origin (Top 10)
FFY 2008 (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008)
Total n=1728
(Top 10) Total n=1363

- Iraq: 526
- Burma: 298
- Tanzania: 96
- Cuba: 86
- Bhutan: 85
- Ethiopia: 72
- Iran: 71
- Afghanistan: 61
- Burundi: 36
- Congo: 32
- All Other Countries: 365
The Virginia State Newcomer Health Program
VDH, DDP

Newcomer Health Program

- VA Refugee Health Program
- CDC Classified Immigrant Health Program
Responsibilities
NHP Responsibilities

• Coordination of Care-at all LHDs & provider reimbursement

• Education & Training

• Surveillance & Investigation
Virginia Refugee Arrival

Statistics
Classified Immigrant Arrivals to Virginia

Year of Arrival

2005: 237
2006: 279
2007: 378
2008: 333
Classified Immigrant Arrivals to Virginia by (CDC) Category

Year of Arrival

Number of Immigrants

- A
- B1
- B2
- B3/Others

2005: 0, 113, 99, 25
2006: 3, 125, 116, 35
2007: 4, 146, 103, 4
2008: 2, 169, 125, 2

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Refugee Resettlement to Virginia
Local Health Districts (Top 10)
FFY 2008 (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008)

Total n=1728
(Top 10) Total n=1649

- Fairfax
- Thomas Jefferson
- Roanoke City
- Peninsula
- Henrico
- Rappahannock
- Central Shenandoah
- Arlington
- Richmond
- Prince William
- All other districts
Refugee Health

Screening Guidelines
Goals of Refugee Health Screening - Domestic

1. **Assist Refugee in Resettlement Process by** Protecting Health & Well-Being of Individual Refugee and/or Refugee Family

2. **Protect Community & Public’s Health Against** Introduction of Illness or Disease
Refugee Health Screening – Domestic

Based on public health approach

Priorities:
1. Screening for Infectious Diseases
2. Administration of Immunizations
Virginia’s Initial Refugee Health Screening Protocol-followed by the VDH, LHDs
Level 1-Screening

- TB
- Medical History
- Physical Assessment:
  - Height, Weight, BP, Vision, Hearing & Dental
- CBC with diff
- Immunizations
  - Up to one year post-arrival in U.S.

Local Health Districts receive $500.00 in reimbursement from the NHP for completing Level 1
Level 2-New Protocol

- Heart & Lung Screening-all refugees
- Screen for: Hepatitis B, O& P, Pregnancy, & Malaria
  Only If Indicated
- Age specific recommended screening
  Developmental, Nutrition, HIV, STI, Glucose, Cholesterol & Cancer Info/Evaluation
- Public Health Case Mgmt/Referrals

Local Health Districts receive $125.00 in reimbursement from the NHP for completing Level 2
LHD Cost & Actual Reimbursement, per Refugee

FFY 08 = 10/01/07 to 09/30/08

- # of refugees screened 1,721
- LHD Actual Cost: $1,069,503.76
- DSS Total Reimbursement Amount: $581,039.00
- LHD Un-reimbursed expenditure: $488,464.76