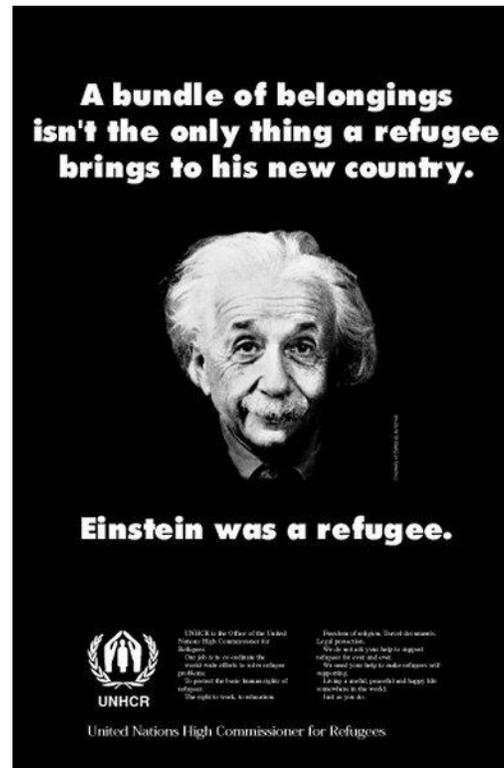


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Newcomer Health Program Roles and Responsibilities

- ◆ Program oversight
- ◆ Policy and procedure development
- ◆ Provide technical assistance to local health departments (LHDs) and community partners as requested
- ◆ Training and mentoring for LHD staff
- ◆ Coordinate with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and LHDs on matters of public health concern
- ◆ Provide guidance for health related disaster preparedness for refugee populations



Newcomer Health Program

Mission

The mission of the Virginia Newcomer Health Program is to provide an initial health screening to newly arrived refugees and other qualified individuals, address health issues that may impact successful resettlement, and identify and intervene on diseases and conditions of public health concern.

Program Information

The Newcomer Health Program works closely with the Virginia Department of Social Services, Office of Newcomer Services (ONS) to coordinate initial health screenings for newly arrived refugees and other qualified individuals. The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement provides funding to ONS for the provision of initial health screenings.

Initial health screenings are provided at local health departments throughout Virginia. These screenings are provided at no charge to the refugee and are often the first encounter new arrivals have with the U.S. healthcare system.

Components of Initial Health Screenings

- ◆ Blood Testing
 - CBC
 - Metabolic Testing
 - Immunity Testing
 - HIV
 - Syphilis
 - Hepatitis
 - Cholesterol
- ◆ TB Testing
- ◆ Physical
- ◆ Health History
- ◆ Vaccines
- ◆ Referral to Primary Care



Who is eligible for an initial health screening?

- ◆ Refugees
- ◆ Amerasians
- ◆ Asylees
- ◆ Cuban and Haitian Entrants
- ◆ Special Immigrant Visa Holders (SIVs)
- ◆ Unaccompanied Refugee Minors
- ◆ Victims of Torture
- ◆ Victims of Trafficking

Where in Virginia are refugees primarily resettled?

- ◆ Charlottesville
- ◆ Fredericksburg
- ◆ Hampton Roads
- ◆ Harrisonburg
- ◆ Northern Virginia
- ◆ Richmond
- ◆ Roanoke

