Recently Granted Asylum?

Congratulations! African Community Center, Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains (LFSRM), and the International Rescue Committee are Colorado's refugee resettlement agencies (RAs). RAs can serve individuals statewide. All three RAs have offices in metro Denver: LFSRM also has offices in Colorado Springs and Greeley. RAs assist people with refugee status or other eligible statuses such as asylum, victims of trafficking, Iraqi or Afghan Special Immigrant (SIV), or Cuban or Haitian entrants/parolee. RAs can provide direct services, such as help with employment or case management issues, and also assist individuals with referrals and information about other available programs, such as ESL classes and vocational training. Services are available for up to 5 years after being granted an eligible immigration status. Services are free!

**Services include:**

**Case Management**
- Individual needs assessment and goal setting
- Cultural orientation
- Support applying for public assistance*
- Referral and information on other services and partners
- Help applying for certain documents

**Health**
- Health screenings and immunizations appointments
- Connection to primary care providers
- Health literacy
- Help with applying for Medicaid and other health insurance programs*
- Referrals and information on mental health services

**Employment & ESL**
- Job readiness training and assistance
- Employment placement
- Job upgrade assistance, including vocational training
- English language acquisition classes
- Transcript evaluation and other career building services (including scholarships!)

**Income and Family Supports**
- Enrollment into programs that assists with cash assistance*
- Support with budgeting and financial literacy
- Programs for older adults
- Youth mentoring programs
- After school and summer programs for youth
- Citizenship assistance

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Eligibility for some assistance programs are time limited; your eligibility may begin on the day you are granted asylum or another eligible immigration status. In the case that you are ineligible or the time frame for cash assistance has expired, don't worry. Resettlement agencies will still help you to reach your highest aspirations!

If you or someone you are working with is not currently connected to a local resettlement agency, please contact Susan Anderson at 303-863-8214.

*public benefit and cash assistance programs have additional eligibility requirements, based on things such as income, employment status, and family size.