



TIMELINE FOR INDIVIDUALS NEWLY GRANTED ASYLUM

IMMEDIATELY after asylum is granted

- Seek assistance from International Rescue Committee (IRC), Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains (LFSRM), or African Community Center (ACC).
- Beginning of period to apply for spouse and/or unmarried children under 21 to join you in U.S.
 - Connect with your resettlement agency for legal services referral.
- Apply for a Social Security Number (SSN) at Social Security Office. If you have a "restricted" card, you may be able to change it to an "unrestricted card".
- Using SSN receipt, your resettlement agency can help you apply for public benefits at the County Human Services Office.
- If eligible, enroll in Matching Grant, Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), or TANF.

Within 90 DAYS after you apply for Social Security

- Receive Social Security Card in the mail.
- Use EAD card to apply for Colorado ID or driver's license at the DMV.
- Use SSN to register for Selective Service (ALL men ages 18-25).
- End of enrollment period for Matching Grant.

8 MONTHS after asylum is granted

- End RCA eligibility period.
 - Must enroll immediately upon asylum grant to receive full 8 months of assistance.

8 MONTHS to 1 YEAR after asylum is granted

- Inquire with legal services regarding applying for Legal Permanent Resident status (green card).

11 MONTHS after asylum is granted

- Review instructions for Green Card Medical Exam on uscis.gov website under "Report of Medical Examination and Vaccination Record." Gather all immunization and medical records.
- Schedule an appointment with a civil surgeon or refugee health clinic to complete the Form I-693. You will include this with your application to adjust status.

2 YEARS after asylum is granted

- Time period to apply using 1-730 petition for spouse and unmarried children to join in U.S. is now expired.

3 to 4 YEARS after asylum is granted

- Use guides and information provided by USCIS to prepare for citizenship test. Referral to U.S. citizenship classes available through your resettlement agency.

5 YEARS after asylum is granted

- Time period to apply using P3/AOR process for spouse and unmarried children to join in U.S. is now expired.
- Potential end of TANF benefits.
- Eligible families may receive TANF benefits, 5 years total assistance (non-consecutive).

5 YEARS after LPR is granted

- Inquire with legal service providers about applying for U.S. citizenship.



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

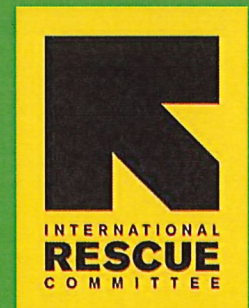
- Enrollment into programs that assists with cash assistance*
- Support with budgeting and financial literacy
- Programs for older adults
- Youth mentoring programs
- After school and summer programs for youth
- Citizenship assistance

Connect Quickly!

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.



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