



Refugee Advisory Council of Washington State
Mental Health Programs for Refugees and Newcomers in Washington
Hybrid Public Forum
Thursday, July 27, 2023
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter/Moderator
10:00 to 10:15	Welcome and Introductions	Patricia Castaneda Refugee Advisory Council Chair Executive Director, Manzanita House in Spokane
10:15 – 10:35	WA State Refugee Assistance Updates	Sarah Peterson State Refugee Coordinator Chief - Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance , Department of Social and Health Services
10:35 – 10:45	Health Updates	Jasmine Matheson State Refugee Health Coordinator Department of Health - Washington State Department of Health
10:45 – 11:40	Panel Discussion Mental Health Programs for Refugees and Newcomers in Washington	Tamara Cyhan Cunitz , Executive Director, Nashi Immigrants Health Board Oleg Pynda , Executive Director, Ukrainian Community Center of WA (UCCW) Mohammad Safi , Refugee Emotional Wellness Program Coordinator, Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) Megan O'Brien , Mental Health Program Manager, International Rescue Committee (IRC)
11:40 – 11:55	Local County Update	Emmanuel N.Muvunyi Refugee Advisory Council King County Deputy Director for Business Operations, IRC WA
11:55 – 12:00	Wrap-up and close	Theresa Roosendaal Refugee Advisory Council Member, Benton-Franklin Counties Founder and Executive Director, B5 Learning Center, Tri-Cities