

Briefing on Afghan Refugees

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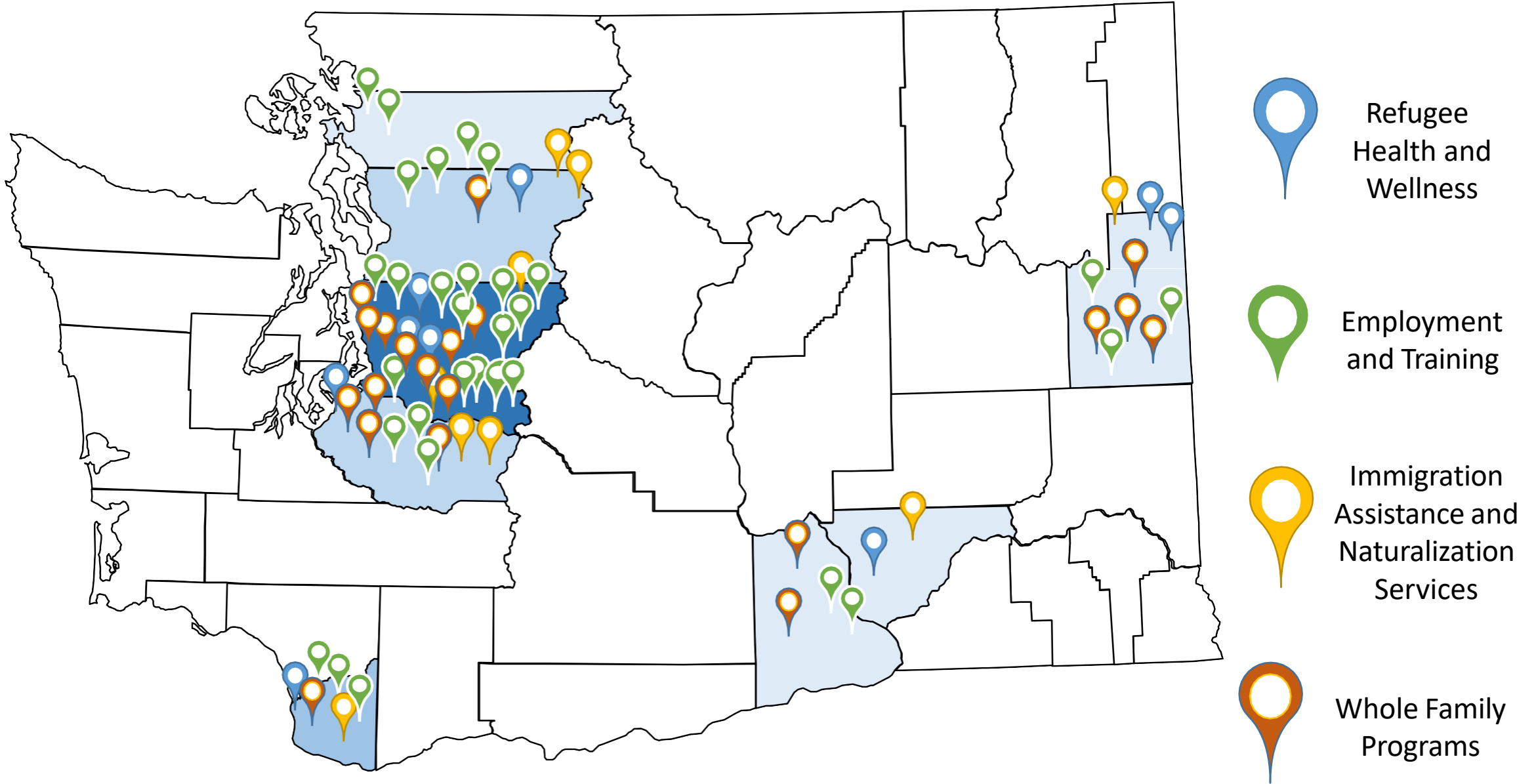
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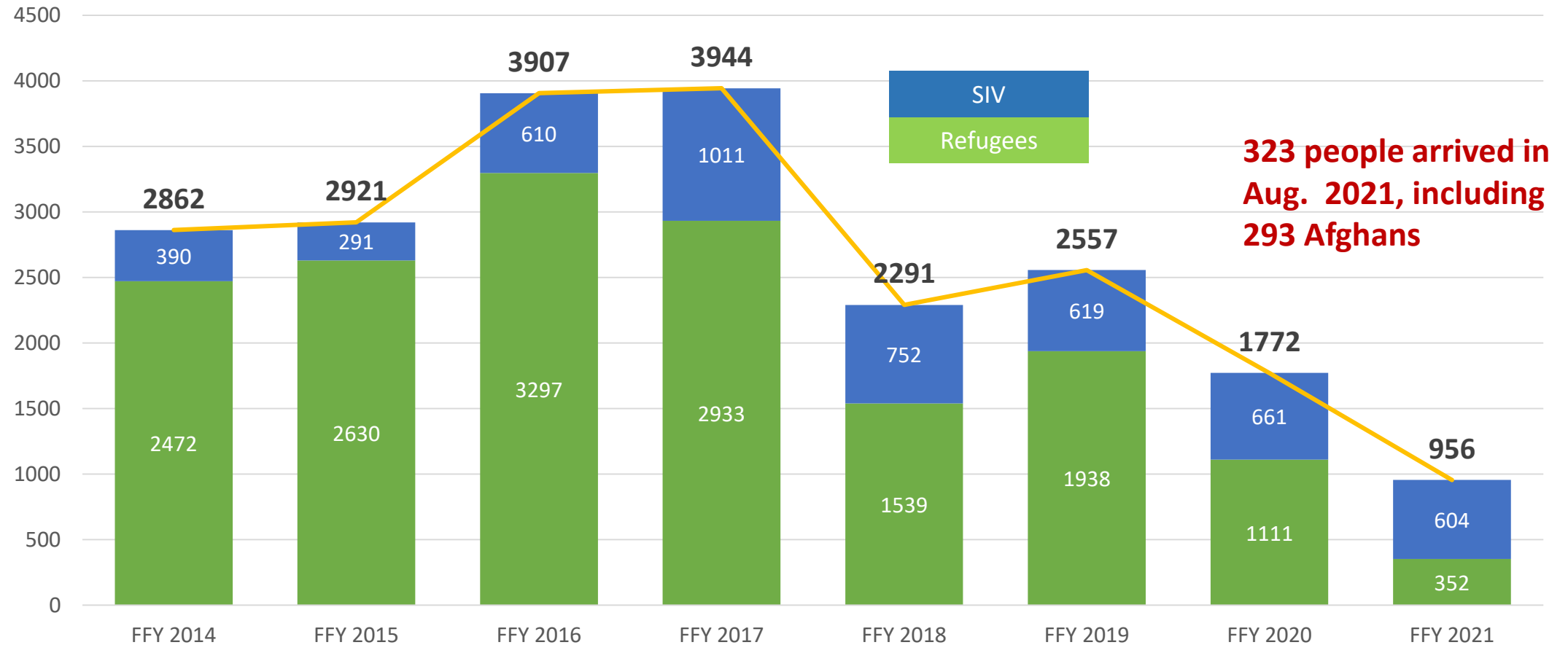
Agenda

1. Overview of resettlement process
2. Health services
3. Resettlement agencies and community partners
4. Federal updates
5. Gaps in needs and how Washingtonians can help
6. Q&A

Welcoming refugees is a collective effort.



Washington State Refugee and Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) Arrivals Federal Fiscal Year 2014 to 2021 (Oct. 1, 2020 – Aug. 31, 2021)

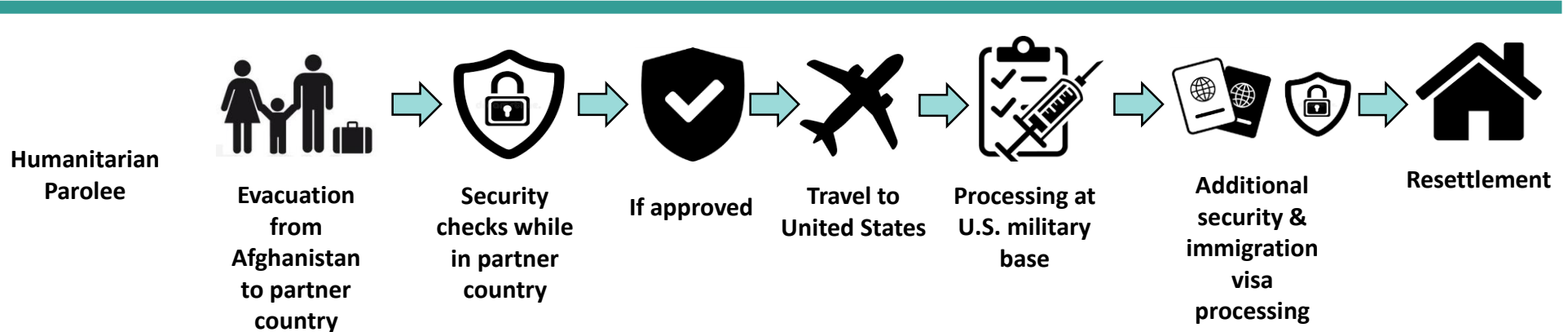
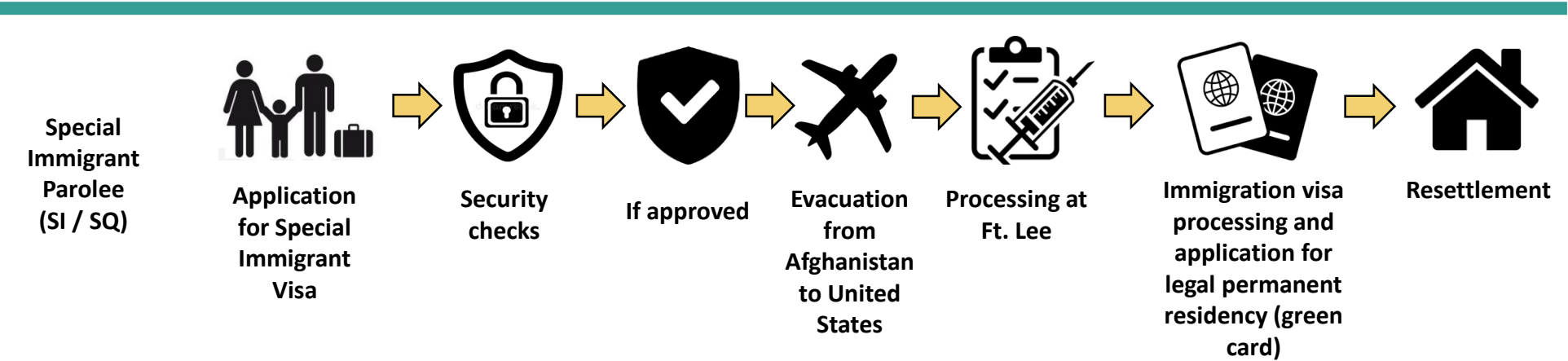
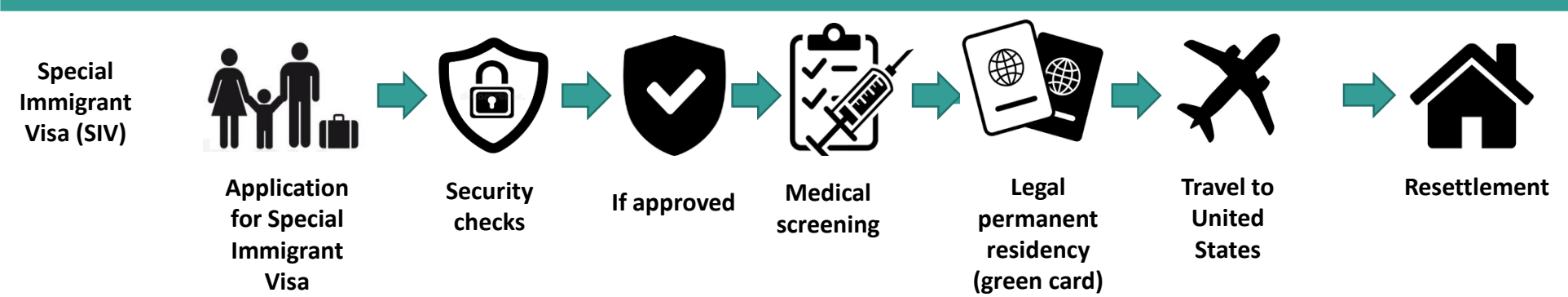


Source: State Post-Arrival Demographics Report, Dept. of State, Bureau of Populations, Refugees, and Migration, Refugee Processing Center, Washington.

Afghan Arrivals

Immigration Status	Description	Projection
Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs)	Available to Afghans who worked for the US government or government contractors for at least a year	7,000 arrived, 20,000 projected
Refugees (P1-P2)	Must be processed outside of Afghanistan in a second country. This includes those who worked for the US government or government contractors for less than a year, or who worked for US-funded programs or projects and meet the credible fear criteria	Unknown Will arrive after processing overseas
SQ/SI Parolee	Arriving with SIV application pending	Unknown at this time
Humanitarian Parolee	Arriving without SIV application pending, likely eligible to apply for asylum	50,000 target for resettlement services

Evacuation Process Overview

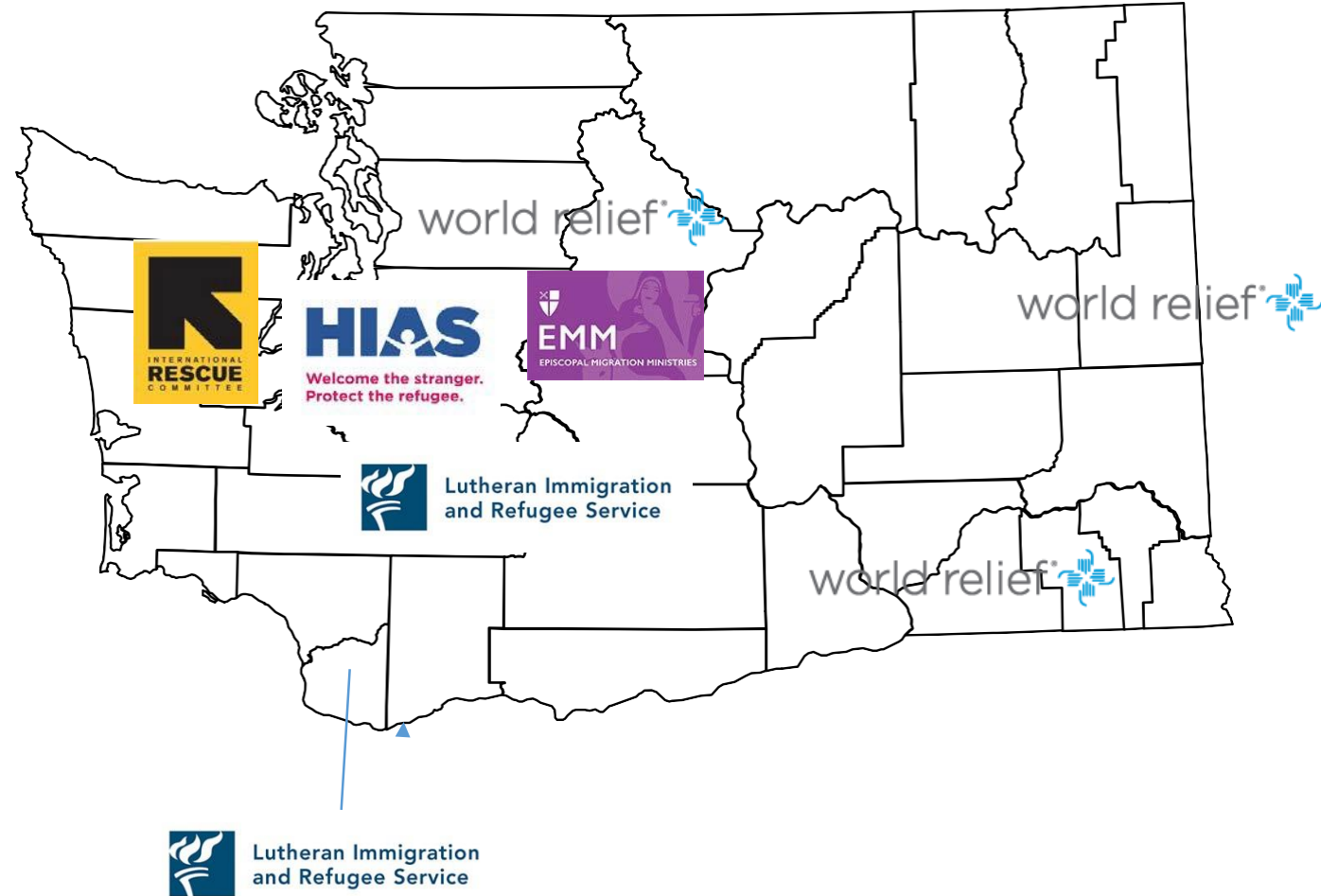


Military Bases

- Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA
- Fort Pickett, VA
- Fort Lee, VA
- Holloman Air Force Base, NM
- Fort McCoy, WI
- Fort Bliss, TX
- Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
- Camp Atterbury, IN

Refugee Resettlement Agencies in Washington

County of Resettlement	Refugee Resettlement Agency
Benton-Franklin	World Relief - Richland
Clark County	LCSNW (LIRS)
Puget Sound Region <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - King - Pierce - Snohomish 	Diocese of Olympia (EMM) IRC JFS (HIAS) LCSNW (LIRS) World Relief – Seattle
Spokane County	World Relief – Spokane



Immediate Resettlement Services

Afghan SIVs, Refugees, SQ/SI Parolees:

Reception and Placement Program (R&P)

- ✓ 30 to 90-day period
- ✓ Per capita grant of \$1,225 for direct assistance;
\$1,050 for administrative costs
- ✓ Core Services:
 - Airport Reception
 - Safe and appropriate housing
 - Pocket money for each adult
 - Appropriate and adequate food supplies
 - Seasonal clothing
 - Material needs and household goods
 - Assistance with enrollment in school
 - Cultural orientation
 - Assistance with accessing legal services

Afghan Parolees:

Afghan Parolee Assistance Program (APA)

- ✓ 30-day period, possible extension to 90-days
- ✓ Per capita grant of \$1,225 for direct assistance;
\$1,050 for administrative costs
- ✓ Core Services:
 - Airport Reception
 - Safe and appropriate housing
 - Pocket money for each adult
 - Appropriate and adequate food supplies
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Eligibility for Public Programs

Public Programs Program	Afghan SIV, Refugee or Afghan SI/SQ Parolees	Afghan Humanitarian Parolees
Public Assistance Programs (Cash and Food Assistance)	<p>Eligible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (federally-funded cash assistance) (for households with minor children) • SNAP Food Assistance • Refugee Cash Assistance (for individuals and couples without minor children) • Federally-funded Women, Infants, and Children's Program 	<p>Eligible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Family Assistance (for households with minor children) • Food Assistance Program (for all) • Federally-funded Women, Infants, and Children's Program
		<p>Ineligible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugee Cash Assistance (for individuals and couples without minor children)
Apple Health (Medicaid)	Eligible	<p>Eligible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apple Health (for children <19 years and pregnant women) • Alien Emergency Medical
		<p>Ineligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults 19 years & older

Programs and Services Administered by DSHS Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance

Program	Afghan SIV, Refugee or Afghan SI/SQ Parolees	Afghan Humanitarian Parolees
Refugee Health Screening Refugee Health Promotion	Eligible	Ineligible
LEP Pathway Employment and ESL	Eligible	Eligible
PRIME – Case management, immigration assistance, and sufficiency program	Eligible	Ineligible
Refugee School Impact, Refugee Youth Mentoring & Unaccompanied Refugee Minor	Eligible	Ineligible
Refugee Elders	Eligible	Ineligible
Emergency Refugee Support Services, including housing and utility assistance	Eligible	Ineligible
Technology Access and Digital Inclusion	Eligible	Ineligible

Thank you!

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Thank you!