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WELCOMING WASHINGTON: Preparing for Afghan Arrivals

Statewide Refugee Advisory Council
Virtual Public Forum

Friday, September 24, 2021
10:00 am to 12:00 pm



Virtual Meeting Protocols

- All callers will enter the conference call in mute.
- Keep yourself muted during the panel conversations.
- Be conscious of background noises.
- Time will be provided for questions and answers. The chat box is available to share questions and comments. Raise your hand if you would like to make a comment.
- Today's public forum will be recorded. It will be available to participants upon request and will be posted to the DSHS website.

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Refugee Advisory Council of Washington State

The mission of the Refugee Advisory Council is to:

- 1) Advocate on behalf of and raise awareness regarding the needs and concerns of refugees.
- 2) Collaborate across state agencies, the legislature, and disciplines on issues relevant to refugees and immigrants.
- 3) Build and make recommendations on state refugee policies and programs by identifying gaps in services as well as best practices.

Washington State Refugee Advisory Council Members

County with High Concentration of Refugee Arrivals	Refugee Advisory Council Members
Benton-Franklin Counties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Amira AlSalami, World Relief – Tri-Cities❖ Nesreen Al Muzayen, Kennewick School District
Clark County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Margarita Marochkina, Partners in Careers❖ Vitali Turlac, Educational Service District 112
King County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Demitu Argo, TRAC Associates❖ Lenny Orlov, City of Seattle Aging & Disability❖ Emmanuel Ndayisenga, International Rescue Committee
Pierce County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Mouammar Abouagila, LCSNW❖ Jason Scales, Tacoma Community House
Snohomish County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Abdul Rahman, Refugee and Immigrant Services NW❖ Dinah Prigodich, LCSNW
Spokane County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Marijke Fakasiieiki, Community Member❖ Patricia Castañeda, World Relief - Spokane

Approved Afghan Arrival Capacity

Refugee Resettlement Agency	City	Total Approved for APA (Individuals)
Diocese of Olympia	Auburn	105
JFS	Kent	200
World Relief - Seattle	Kent	400
IRC	Sea-Tac (Seattle)	575
LCSNW	Tacoma	10
SUBTOTAL	PUGET SOUND REGION	1,290
World Relief- Spokane	Spokane	300
LIRS	Vancouver	49
World Relief - Richland	Richland	40
STATE TOTAL		1,679

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
 - Seasonal clothing
 - Material needs and household goods
 - Assistance with enrollment in school
 - Cultural orientation
 - Assistance with accessing legal services

Thank you!

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