

Washington Refugee Youth Mentoring Program Application Information

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Culturally Relevant and Linguistically Appropriate Services

ORIA's Programs and Services

Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance

Refugee Health Screening Services

Refugee Mental Health Services

Refugee Health Promotion Program

Employment Services

(LEP PATHWAY, ORIA-BFET, CLEVER)

English as a Second Language Services

Naturalization Services Program

PRIME Program (case-management, Immigration Assistance, and workshops)

Refugee School Impact Program

Refugee Elders Program

Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program

Coming Soon Refugee Youth Mentoring Program

Service Eligibility

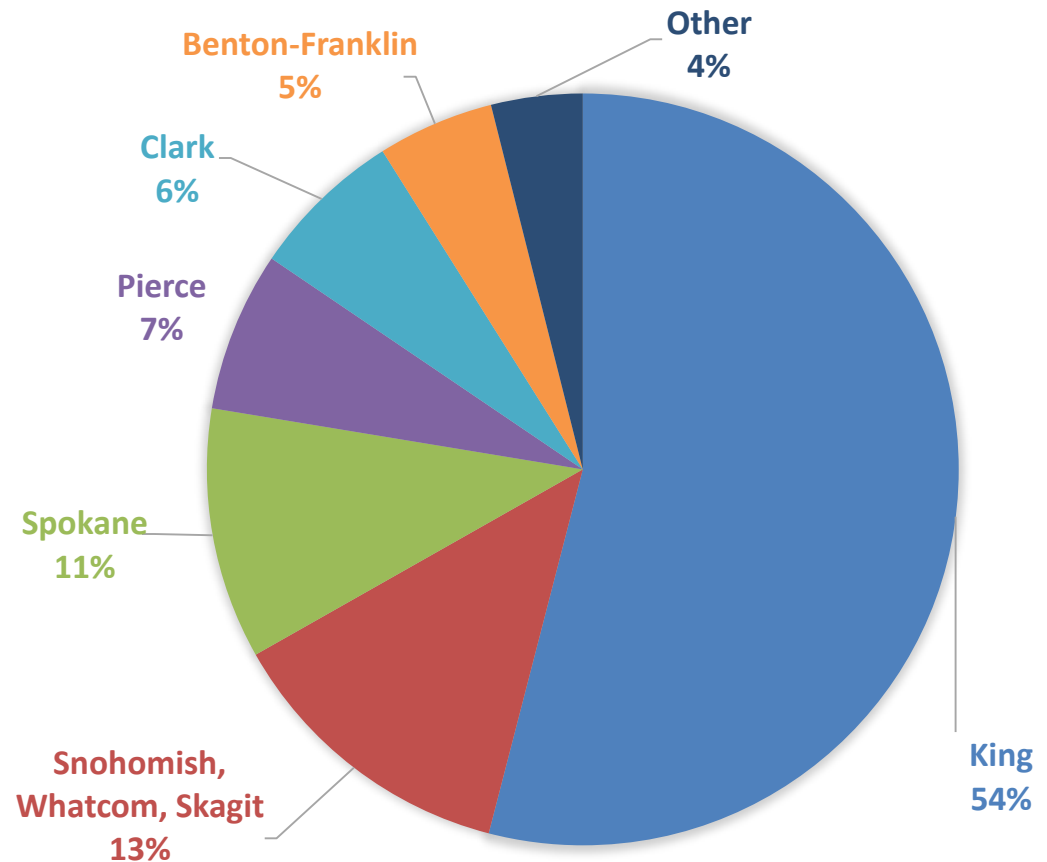
- Clients must meet ORR eligibility and present appropriate immigration documentation (45 CFR 400.43):
 - ✓ REFUGEES (RF)
 - ✓ ASYLEES (AS)
 - ✓ SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA holders (SI)
 - ✓ CUBAN/HAITIAN ENTRANTS (CH)
 - ✓ SURVIVORS OF TORTURE
 - ✓ CERTIFIED VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING (VT)
- Youth ages 18 to 24 years
- Have been in the United States four years or fewer

What is the current estimated service population?

1,549 eligible refugee youth between 18 and 24 years of age in March 2019

Top Countries of Origin

- Ukraine
- Afghanistan
- Iraq
- Somalia
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Dem. Republic of Congo



Required Services

For the youth:

- Initial needs assessment
- Develop a goal plan
- Provide case management, document services provided and the progress of each youth

For mentors:

- Recruit and screen potential mentors
- Train mentors
- Match mentor to youth
- Provide ongoing support and oversight for refugee youth and mentors.

Community Recommendations

- Provide a structure that finds a balance between home and US cultures
- Create intergenerational services that connect youth to the elderly
- Have educational programs that facilitate the completion of high school
- Involve the parents and have them actively participate in the program
- Educate parents on what resources exist for their children
- Assess the desire for same-culture mentors
- Peer Training
- Respond to the challenges and barriers for limited English proficiency

ORIA Recommendations

- Focus on engaging and educational activities
- Programs can offer optional incentives
 - Transportation
 - Registration or tuition costs for educational, vocational, apprenticeship, and career development activities
 - Donated goods
- Build a partnership/consortium with organization(s) that can offer complementary services

Applications must be received no later than
5:00 pm on **Wednesday, August 7, 2019.**

All applications must:

- Be submitted via email only to ORIAinfo@dshs.wa.gov.
- Be a document with no less than one inch margins, using Times New Roman or Calibri 12-point font.
- Be limited to eight pages, single spaced.
- Respond to all of the questions.

Fiscal Information

All organizations must submit evidence documenting fiscal responsibility by providing one or more of the following documents:

- IRS Form 990 – if an applicant is a not-for-profit organization that completed an IRS Form 990, the applicant must submit it for the most recent year.
- Organizations without IRS Form 990 may submit:
 - A certified financial audit, if available;
 - Most recent board-reviewed financial statements, if available;
 - Certified statement of assets and debts (balance sheet) and evidence of cash flow, including amounts in a checking account.
- A letter from a fiscal sponsor or the board of directors documenting their fiscal capacity.

Funding Timeline and Process

- August 7, 2019, 5:00 pm, Application submission deadline
- August 8 , 2019 – August 18, 2019, panel review applications
- August 26, 2019 – August 30, 2019, potential interviews and site-visits by ORIA
- September 13, 2019 – Successful Applicants notified
- September 27, 2019 – Contracts signed

Questions and Answers

Thank you!

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