

Refugee Resettlement Programs

What type of Aid is offered?

- Newly arrived refugees are eligible for all public assistance programs offered by the Nebraska Health and Human Services System's Office of Economic & Family Support. If refugees are determined ineligible for public assistance programs, eligibility will be determined for the following funds, which are made available for the first eight months after arrival in the United States:
 - **Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP):** Also known as Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA). Cash payments to low-income refugees who are ineligible for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)—called Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) in Nebraska, Supplemental Security Income, or similar programs for seniors and persons with disabilities;
 - **Refugee Medical Assistance Program (RMAP):** Medical assistance to low-income refugees ineligible for Medicaid and/or State Children's Health Insurance Programs;

Special considerations for Immigrants and their Families

- Unless an exemption applies, refugees must participate in work or training activities to be eligible for RRP/RCA and RMAP.
- Full-time students in institutions of higher education are ineligible for RRP/RCA.
 - Such students may be eligible for RMAP if enrollment is part of an individual employability plan or part of a plan for an unaccompanied minor.
- Refugees and most other immigrants eligible for RRP are not subject to "public charge" inquiries.
 - A "public charge" is an immigrant who is or is likely to become primarily dependent on the government for subsistence, as demonstrated by either the receipt of public cash assistance for income maintenance or institutionalization for long-term care at government expense.

IMMIGRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS

Eligible Immigrants

- **"Refugee"** categories: individuals granted status as a refugee, asylee, Amerasian immigrant, Cuban/Haitian entrant, or immigrants paroled as refugees or asylees under INA section 212 (d)(5)
- **"Victims of Trafficking":** sex trafficking and the forced or fraudulent recruitment, harboring, transport, or provision of an individual for labor or services that subject the individual to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery

Ineligible Immigrants

The following immigrants are ineligible for Refugee Resettlement Programs:

- **Immigrants** who do not fit into one of the eligible categories at left

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