

REFUGEE TIMELINE

Pre-camp and Camps	Pre-arrival	Arrival through First Week	First week through third month	4 th thru 6 th month	7 th month thru end of year one	Years two through five
<p>Individual /family cannot stay in homeland – political issues (war, ethnic cleansing, land/property confiscation, natural disaster, etc.)</p> <p>Individual/family flees across borders to camps, where they live one to 20 years.</p> <p>State dept determines how many/from where, confers with national VOLAGs.</p>	<p><u>Up to 1 year prior</u> Case assigned to Syracuse affiliate. U.S.Tie means family members or friends in Syracuse already who are willing to help with resettlement; No U.S. Tie – unattached case, no known family or friends here. Medical needs noted</p> <p><u>3-4 weeks prior</u> Refugees take medicines prior to travel – refugees to transit center.</p> <p><u>1-6 weeks prior</u> Notice of travel plans. Housing sought. Family informed. DSS appts, RAP referral, medical status provided,</p> <p><u>1 day to 1 week prior</u> Apt prepped, power on</p>	<p><u>Day one</u> Refugees greeted at airport, taken to apartment, translated orientation (apt, community, safety). Appropriate seasonal wear provided. \$20 pp pocket money per person, hot meal appropriate to culture, food for 3-4 days.</p> <p><u>Days 2-5</u> Visit to DSS, emergency food stamps. Appts for food stamps, medical and cash assistance, Additional cash assistance.</p> <p>Intake at RAP – register for health screening, TB clinic, English classes, school for kids. Case worker orients family to neighborhood, takes them shopping.</p> <p><u>Days 6-7</u> Employment assessments. referral.</p>	<p>By 10th day apply for SS.</p> <p>2-4 weeks: male refugees register for the draft.</p> <p>By 30th day attend community orientation. Match grant enrollment within 30 days, if applicable.</p> <p>By 2-3 months kids start school; adults start ESL.</p> <p>TB screening within 2-4 weeks of arrival. NYS mandated Refugee Health Assessment within 90 days of arrival. Primary care appts (earlier for needy and later for healthy people)**see notes</p> <p>Community orgs available to see refugees usually starting in 2nd month; ESL, ESL conversation groups, etc.)</p> <p>Mandatory case management continues until end of third month.</p>	<p>Case management support continues as needed. Provided by agencies</p> <p>By 4-5 months refugee has a job (goal.) If applicable, JOBS Plus requirements begin for DSS funded refugees.</p> <p>Employment help available immediately and for next 5 years.</p> <p>4-6 months: Match Grant may continue.</p> <p>If employed –may seek PT adult Ed. If studying English – may seek ESOL, VESOL, career training.</p> <p>Disabled refugees may become involved w/ main-stream services by referral.</p>	<p>By end of year one: residency established, gives access to OCC & EOC; sometimes homeownership discussions</p> <p>At end of first year – eligible for green card, info & access enabled by agencies, and/or Americanization League.</p>	<p><u>Year Two:</u> Access to SUNY-EOC. Career ladders. Credentials possible.</p> <p><u>Year Three:</u> Entrepreneurs may be able to gain traction on businesses (Community orgs active in this area.</p> <p><u>Year Four:</u> Refugees can submit applications for citizenships, take prep classes</p> <p><u>Year Five:</u> Citizenship process: passable English (oral interview); DHS screening; pass History/Gov test (in Buffalo or NYC); pay fee of \$800.</p> <p>Swearing in ceremony in Syracuse courthouse</p>

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For healthy people who go to University Health Care Center (UHCC) for the Refugee Health Assessment, for example, the initial assessment is their entry into primary care with UHCC as the provider. They do not return for another appointment for 9 months-1 year, because there is no need (but they are considered UHCC patients from the day the RHA is completed).