

Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs



The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) connects immigrants and refugees with County and community resources regardless of their immigration status!

Get Connected

While OIRA does not provide direct services, it is responsible for the administration of HHSA's Refugee Employment Services (RES) through a network of contracted service providers.



Refugee Employment Services (RES) provides employment focused services to assist families achieve self-sufficiency through employment within the first 60 months after arrival to the United States. Programs include:

Welfare to Work

Vocational English- As-A-Second Language

Elder-Multicultural Access and Support Services

Work Readiness Exchange

Dial (619) 338-2799 to get connected to Refugee Employment Services.

Other County Programs



Medi-Cal Program enrollment assistance is available! California residents who are under 26 or 50 years of age or older who meet all Medi-Cal eligibility criteria, regardless of immigration status, can get full scope Medi-Cal. For more information call 1-866-262-9881.



Immigrant Rights Legal Defense Program provides free legal representation to detained immigrants or those in Alternatives to Detention. For an eligibility consultation and more information call (619) 446-2883, Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm.

For service referrals to these programs and others, individuals are encouraged to dial 2-1-1, San Diego's resource and information hub that connects people with community, health and disaster services.

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Helpful Resources & Phone Numbers

All phone numbers below offer help in many languages.

Dial 2-1-1 for General Support and Questions

At 2-1-1, help is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and in more than 200 languages. Someone will help connect you to any health or social service you need.

Refugee Resettlement Agencies & Community Partner

Alliance for African Assistance: (619) 286-9052

Catholic Charities: (619) 323-2841

International Rescue Committee: (619) 641-7510

Jewish Family Service: (858) 637-3018

La Maestra: (619) 280-4213

Food, Employment, and Health Assistance

Dial the Access Line: 1 (866) 262-9881

Mental Health and Well-being

Access and Crisis Line: 1 (888) 724-7240

Immigration and Legal Assistance

San Diego Rapid Response Network Legal Assistance: (858) 637-3365

American Bar Association Immigration Project: (619) 736-3315

Southern California Immigration Project: (619) 516-8119

For more information, to answer any questions,
and to find links to other resources:



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