

Refugee Experiences of Relocation

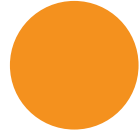
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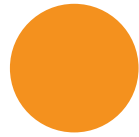
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Defining the issues



Experiences of
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Setting the stage

1. Refugee families and young children are an asset to their communities as they bring a variety of valuable lived experiences, knowledge, cultural/linguistic diversity, strength, and resilience.
2. Systemic racism, anti-Blackness, colorism, and anti-Muslim sentiment are the basis for the myths and misconceptions that permeate public perception of refugees and continue to influence policy and national sentiment.



3. Strategies and the system components supporting refugee families must be in place and coordinated to respond to their diverse needs and meet the needs of each and every child.

Setting the stage

4. To be effective and culturally responsive, strategies for working with refugee families and young children must be informed by and created in partnership with them (including key decision making). Use of beneficiary voice and responsive feedback loops are key to this process.

5. Strategies and system components for refugee families and young children must support retaining home language and culture for these children to thrive.





Defining the issues

Who is a Refugee?



Defining the terms

Refugees are people outside their country of origin because of feared persecution, conflict, violence, or other circumstances that have seriously disturbed public order, and who, as a result, require 'international protection'.

Asylum-seeker are people whose request for sanctuary has yet to be processed. Every year, around one million people seek asylum.

Internally Displaced People (IDPs) People are displaced inside their own countries due to armed conflicts, generalized violence or human rights violations continue to constitute most of the forcibly displaced population globally. Known as internally displaced people, or IDPs, they account for some 60% of all people displaced.

What is a Refugee Camp?



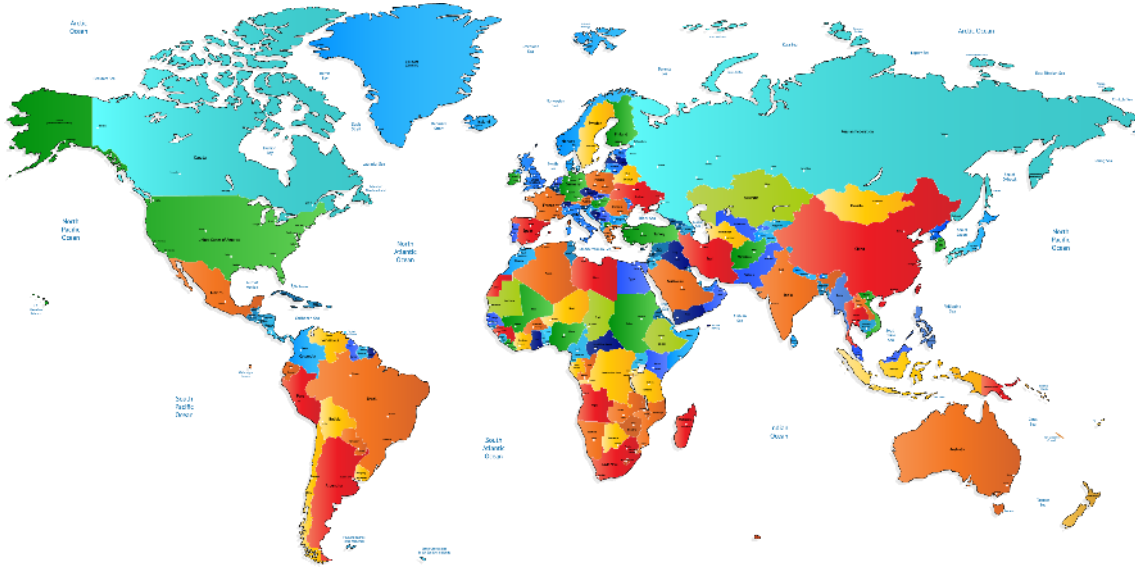
Refugee camps are temporary facilities built to provide immediate protection and assistance to people who have been forced to flee their homes due to war, persecution or violence.

While camps are not established to provide permanent solutions, they offer a haven for refugees and meet their most basic needs such as food, water, shelter, medical treatment and other basic services during emergencies.

Arriving in a Refugee Camp



Refugee Camp Facts



Largest Camp Locations:

- Africa: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda
- Asia: Bangladesh, Pakistan
- Middle East: Jordan

Oldest Camps:

- Coopers Camp: 75 years
- Askar: 74 years
- Mae La: 38 years
- Dadaab and Kakuma: 31 years
- Krisan: 26 years

Askar



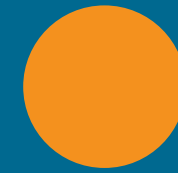
Resettlement in the US



- Annually has declined from more than 200,000 at the start of the program in 1980 to approximately 11,400 in 2021.
- Executive orders in 2017 prohibited the entry of nationals from seven Muslim-majority countries and indefinitely barred all Syrian refugees.
- In 2021 President Biden doubled the admission ceiling number to 125,000 for 2022 with the majority admitted being from Africa and Southeast Asia
- March 2022, President Biden announces that the U.S. would welcome up to 100,000 Ukrainians hoping to flee Russia's invasion of their country

Resettlement in the US

- **Arizona:** Iraq, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- **California:** Iraq, Iran
- **Colorado:** Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Syria, Burma
- **Florida:** Cuba, Myanmar, Iraq
- **Georgia:** Myanmar, Bhutan, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- **Kentucky:** Democratic Republic of the Congo, Syria, Iran
- **Michigan:** Iraq
- **New York:** Bhutan, Myanmar
- **Ohio:** Bhutan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Somalia
- **Pennsylvania:** Bhutan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar
- **Texas:** Myanmar, Iraq
- **Washington:** Ukraine, Iraq, Myanmar



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Refugees in US Media

POLITICS >

More than 45,000 Americans have applied to sponsor Ukrainian refugees in the U.S.

BY CAMILO MONTOYA-GALVEZ

JUNE 3, 2022 / 6:00 AM / CBS NEWS



Senate Passes \$40 Billion in Aid to Ukraine After Week-Long Delay

After GOP Sen. Rand Paul held up swift approval, senators easily passed more aid in a bipartisan vote. Congress has allocated a total of \$54 billion to counter Russia's invasion.

By [Lisa Hagen](#) | May 19, 2022, at 1:25 p.m.

THE FUTURE OF WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

What Does the United States Have Against Haitian Refugees?

They are resilient, having survived political, economic and environmental turmoil in Haiti. Yet, we don't like to admit them to our country, and we treat them miserably if they get here.

October 19, 2021 • Sharon Austin



A Haitian man helps two children cross the Rio Grande River, the U.S.-Mexico border, into Del Rio, Texas.

(Carolyn Cole/Los Angeles Times/TNS)

Refugee in US Media

IMMIGRATION

The U.S. has slashed its refugee intake. Syrians fleeing war are most affected.

By  [Katie Zezima](#)
May 7, 2019 at 8:55 p.m. EDT

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U.S. is rejecting over 90% of Afghans seeking to enter the country on humanitarian grounds

BY CAMILO MONTROYA-GALVEZ
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Supreme Court rules ‘Remain in Mexico’ can end. Asylum seekers in Tijuana waiting

BY KATE MORRISSEY | SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE
JULY 1, 2022 7:48 AM PT

SAN DIEGO — The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that the Biden administration can end the “Remain in Mexico” program, but life does not appear likely to change much for asylum seekers waiting in Tijuana for their U.S. immigration court cases — at least for the near future.

Arriving in the US

- When you first arrive in the US, what supports do you have access to as a refugee and for how long?
- Were there any supports that made resettlement easier?
- What has your reception in your new community been upon entering the ECE workforce?
- What are the three things you want early childhood systems leaders to understand about newly resettled families and young children?



In Summary

- **Family Supports**

- Engage all family members. Be aware of many different family configurations.
- Provide parenting and understanding the law classes
- Encourage and support home language retention
- Provide cultural bridging for 6-12 months
- Practice language justice

- **Hiring Practices**

- Evaluate and recognize foreign college degrees
- Fairly compensate individuals for their work, experience, and expertise
- Cultivate workforce from the community
- Hire content experts who are native speakers



What's Next?

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- 08/11: Informed Response to Refugee Trauma



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