

Refugee Program in Lane County – Current Participants

Contractual Parties

U.S. State Department

Screens and vets refugees and assigns to USCCB/MRS (national contract)

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops/Migration and Refugee Service (USCCB/MRS)

Manages national program and contracts with local agencies to manage community placement

Catholic Community Services of Lane County

Manages local refugee placement program in Lane County in compliance with USCCB/MRS contract

Community Support and Involvement in Lane County (evolving)

Refugee Program Community Task Force

This is everyone on the growing email list of interested persons and organizations, including representatives from Community Sponsors and unaffiliated persons.

Steering Committee

Smaller group of interested persons who have agreed to help coordinate and manage the engagement and involvement of the community in the refugee resettlement program.

Community Sponsor

A group that chooses to participate in the refugee program through designated representatives (Jewish Federation, First Congregational Church, St. Mary Episcopal Church, etc.). The commitment of a Community Sponsor is to the refugee program, not a specific refugee family. However, a Community Sponsor may take on particular responsibilities for a specific refugee family, as outlined in the Local Process description.

Unaffiliated Volunteers

Persons who want to volunteer and who are not affiliated with a Community Sponsor.

Cultural Navigator

A volunteer who works directly with a specific refugee family for up to 8 months. Cultural Navigators may be affiliated with a Community Sponsor or they may be an Unaffiliated Volunteer. There will typically be up to 3 Cultural Navigators assigned to each family. For the first 90 days, the Cultural Navigators' work will be largely coordinated by the assigned CCS Case Manager. After 90 days, the Cultural Navigators will continue to work with the family as needed, with less direction/coordination from the CCS Case Manager.

Participant Roles – Current Thinking

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Refugee Program Community Task Force

- Stay informed via email communication and participation in community meetings
- Respond as able/willing to requests for volunteers or other resources

Steering Committee

Steering Committee Facilitator: Christine Zeller-Powell/St. Mary Episcopal

Volunteer Management: Roz Slovic/Jewish Federation

Internal Communications: (position to be filled)

External Communications: Abby Gershenzon/Jewish Federation

Material Donations: Bill Rozar/First Congregational Church (need subgroup)

Fundraising: Bingham Powell/St. Mary Episcopal (need subgroup)

Technology: (position to be filled)

Representatives from other interested Community Sponsors (to be filled)

Community Sponsor

- appoint representative to Steering Committee, if interested
- identify individual members who would like to be cultural navigators
- coordinate with CCSLC, local tie, and other community sponsors to furnish apartment (item 2 from list)
- assist with fundraising
- identify individual members, if any, who might have housing, could help with interpretation and translation (item 5), provide English language tutoring (item 7), or help coordinate and facilitate health care access and utilization (item 8)

Cultural Navigators

- work with coordination and direction from CCS Case Manager
- arrange for pick up at airport (item 3) (must have insurance, car seats for children)
- provide transportation assistance (item 9) (must have insurance)
- provide shopping assistance (item 10)
- mentor a refugee family member (item 13)
- organize and facilitate social opportunities for refugee family members, as appropriate (14)
- assist with cultural orientation process and modules (item 11)

Unaffiliated Volunteers—engagement with family coordinated by Case Manager/Cultural Navigator team

- mentor a refugee family member (item 13)
- help with interpretation and translation (item 5)
- provide English language tutoring (item 7)
- help coordinate and facilitate health care access and utilization (item 8)
- donate items