

Office of Refugee Services  
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# Policy

The policy of the Department of Human Services (DHS) is to encourage effective resettlement and economic self-sufficiency of refugees within the shortest possible period after entrance into Georgia. The Department assists refugees through the coordinated and effective use of cash assistance, medical assistance and support services.

# Authority

Code of Federal Regulations

Refugee Assistance Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-212), as amended

# References

Fasell-Stone Amendment to the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-422) Amerasian Homecoming Act (P.L. 100-202)

# Applicability

The Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services, Refugee Resettlement Agencies, and other selected entities fulfill the requirements of the Refugee Resettlement Program.

# Definitions

## **Refugee**

Any person who is outside his or her country of nationality and who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution. Persecution may be based on the alien's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. The term refugee also includes individuals admitted as a refugee under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, granted asylum under section 212(d)(5) of the Act; Cuban and Haitian entrants, Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrants (SIVs); certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are admitted as immigrants pursuant to section 584 of the Foreign Operation Export Financing and related programs appropriation Act of 1988 are also eligible to receive Office of the Refugee Resettlement Assistance and services; and Victims of Human Trafficking certified by the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

## **Refugee Resettlement Agencies**

National voluntary agencies (or their local affiliates or subcontractors) that have entered into a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement with the United States Department of State or other appropriate federal agency to provide for the reception and initial placement of refugees in the United States.

## **Coalition of Refugee Stakeholders**

The entity which advises the Department on current refugee needs within the state and assists the Department in coordinating public and private resources for refugee resettlement. The coalition is composed of refugees, representatives from local governments, local resettlement agencies, service providers, and other interested private organizations and individuals.



# Responsibilities

The DHS Office of Refugee Services is responsible for issuing and updating the manual directive ([MAN3180](#)) to implement the Refugee Resettlement Program. The Coalition of Refugee Stakeholders is responsible for advising and assisting the Department in coordinating resources for refugee resettlement.

# History

None

# Evaluation

The Office of Refugee Services evaluates the outcomes of this directive by monitoring agencies providing cash assistance, medical assistance and social services.