



INTERNATIONAL
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COMMITTEE

Council of State Governments Legislative Exchange

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Agenda

1. Welcome
 - Idaho Representative Clark Kauffman
2. Agenda and Presenter Introductions
 - Genevieve Kessler, Director of State Advocacy IRC
3. The U.S. Refugee Admissions Program
 - Lindsey Sharp, Processing Director with the IRC
4. Post-Arrival Resettlement
 - Sandra Vines, Resettlement Director with the IRC
5. Resettlement Field Office Support
 - Julianne Donnelly Tzul, Executive Director IRC Boise
6. Questions from participants

The International Rescue Committee



The International Rescue Committee (IRC) responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises, helping to restore health, safety, education, economic wellbeing, and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster. Founded in 1933 at the call of Albert Einstein, the IRC is at work in over 40 countries and 27 U.S. cities helping people to reclaim control of their future and strengthen their communities.

As the largest resettlement agency in the U.S., IRC serves thousands of refugees and other eligible newcomers each year, providing assistance they need to rebuild their lives and thrive in their new communities.

Who we are

The International Rescue Committee helps people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover and regain control of their future.



Delivering lasting impact

The IRC helps people to survive, recover and rebuild their lives.



We serve

people whose lives have been upended by war, conflict and natural disasters



We work

in countries where people don't have the support they need to recover from crisis



We respond

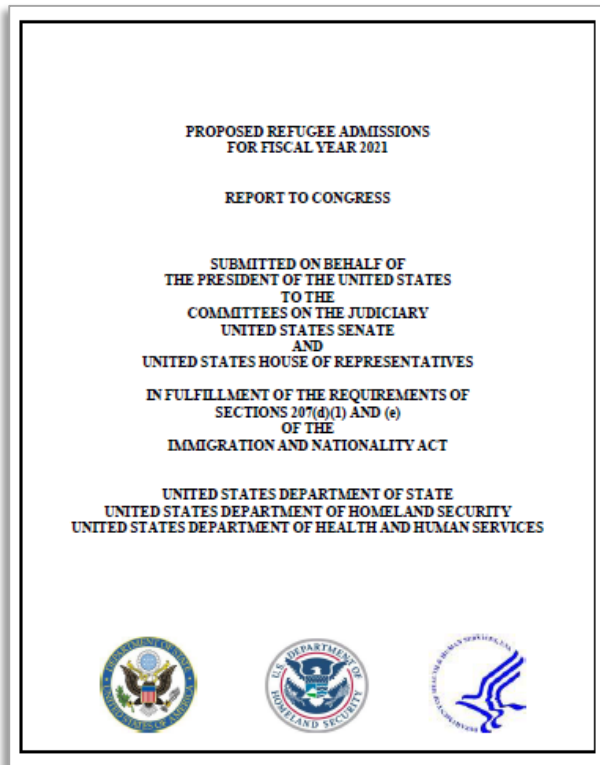
within 72 hours, staying to help countries stabilize and people rebuild their lives



We resettle

refugees welcomed by the United States, helping them to succeed and thrive

The US Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP)



Region	Proposed FY 2021 Allocation
Africa	22,000
East Asia	6,000
Europe and Central Asia	4,000
Latin America/Caribbean	5,000
Near East/South Asia	13,000
Unallocated Reserve	12,500
Total	62,500

Democratic Republic of Congo,
Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan

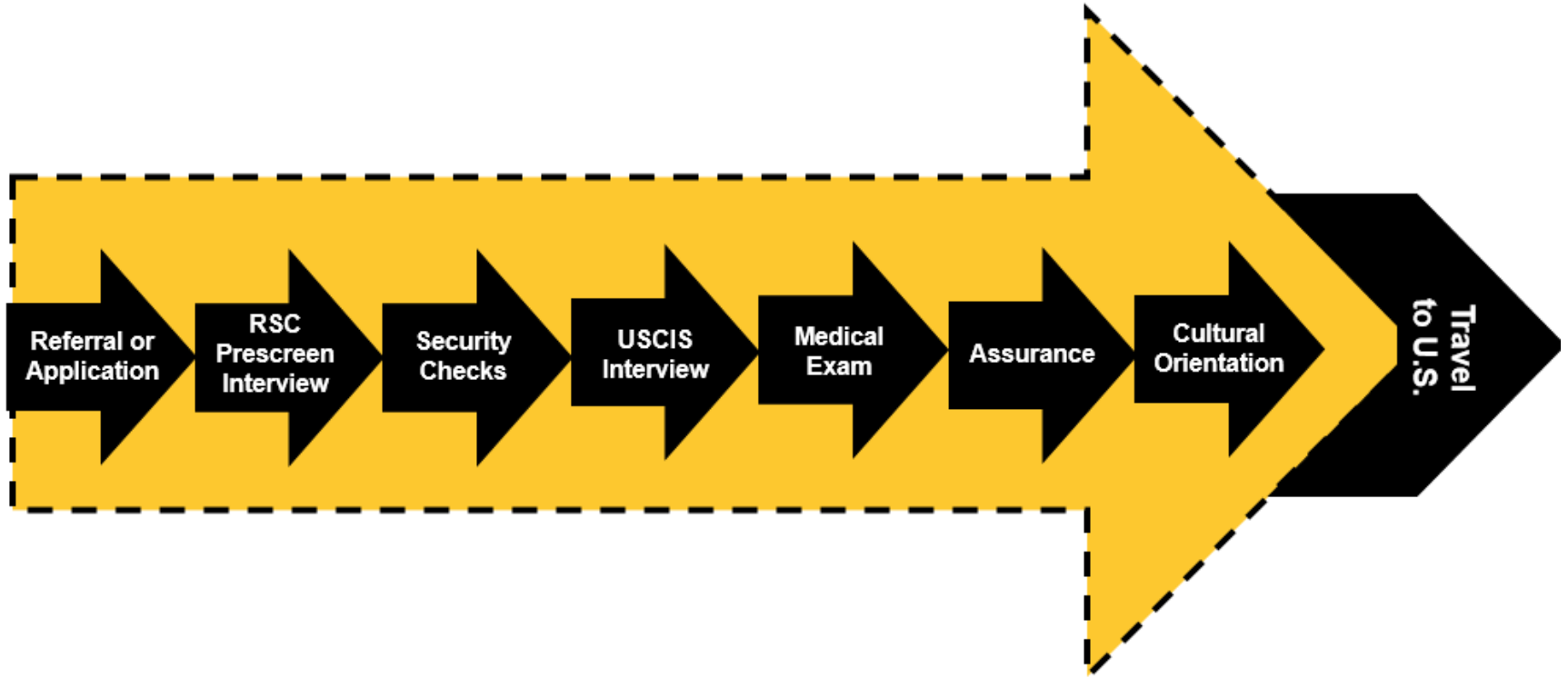
Burma

Ukraine, Russia

El Salvador, Honduras,
Guatemala, Colombia

Iraq, Iran, Syria, Afghanistan

The US Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP)



Reception and Placement Program (R&P)

Provides support to refugees during their first 30 to 90 days in the US.

- Administered by the Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM)
- Nine resettlement agencies (RA's) provide R&P services in the US



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- RA's receive \$2,275 in funds per refugee resettled

\$1,150
Admin Costs

\$1,225
Direct Assistance

- R&P services include:
 - A travel loan to the US
 - Initial housing and furnishings
 - Food and clothing
 - Health screenings
 - English classes
 - Employment services
 - School enrollment
 - Connections to ongoing services.

Local R&P Offices



Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Programs

State Refugee Coordinators & State Refugee Health Coordinators (SRCs & SRHCs)

Oversee and coordinate provision of services to refugees.

State Funding and Programs

Vary by state but include employment programming, medical assistance and some limited-term cash assistance.

Matching Grant Program

Alternative to public assistance, focuses on early employment and requires that private contributions “match” public funding.

Preferred Communities Program

Intensive services for especially vulnerable refugees.

Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Programs

- Meet your State Refugee Coordinator
- Find list by state here:
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/grant-funding/key-state-contacts>

In what cities are refugees resettling?

In what industries are they finding work?

How can the state support their resettlement?



Post Arrival Resettlement



- Robert Sebatware & Dave Kurz,
Phoenix, AZ

Resettlement Field Office Support in the U.S.

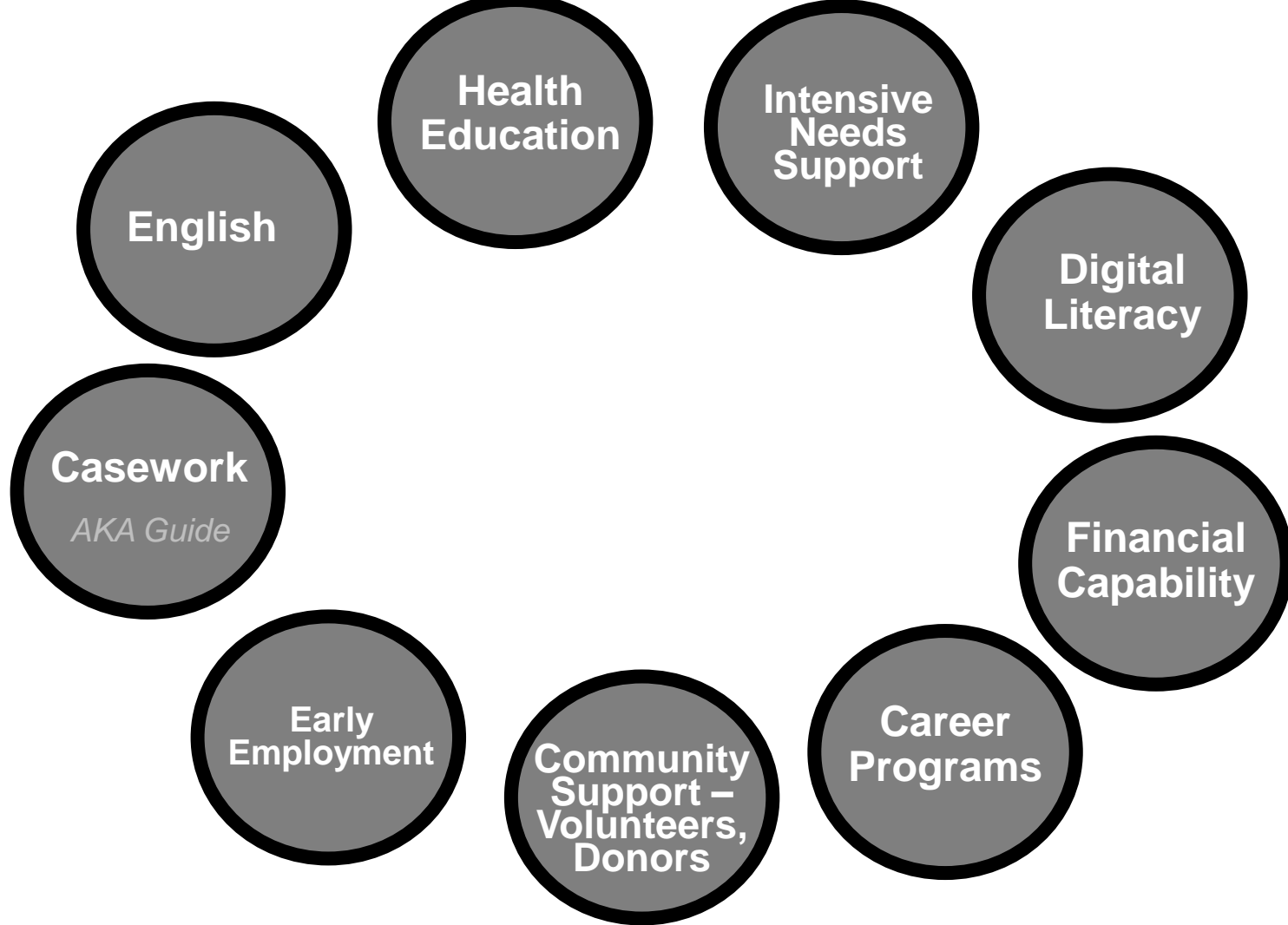
English

Casework

AKA Guide

Early
Employment

Community
Support –
Volunteers,
Donors





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PATHWAYS

Questions?

July: Cultural Orientation Pre Arrival & Post Arrival



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