

# RENTING TO REFUGEES

## An Overview

### THE OPPORTUNITY

The resettlement program offers the potential for a mutually beneficial partnership between area landlords, property managers, and refugee resettlement agencies.

- With new policies on refugee admissions from the US federal government, we expect to see a large increase in refugees coming to Columbia over the next several years.
- We rely on community members like you who are open to renting to people looking for a new start in this country.

### ARRIVAL

- When we get notice of an upcoming arrival of a new refugee family, CCCNMO:
  - Looks at the size of their family, their specific needs, and neighborhoods that may work best for them
  - Checks if the landlords on our list have properties that match these needs

### CULTURAL ORIENTATION

- When refugee clients first move in, CCCNMO educates them on how to take care of their home - using home appliances, keeping their place sanitary, paying rent, the financial responsibility of damage to the property, etc.
- Case workers are also available to help facilitate communication and provide interpretation when necessary.

### PAYMENT

- CCCNMO covers at least the first few months of rent and security deposit for refugee clients upon arrival to the U.S. The client signs the lease, if a lease is required.
- The clients' assigned case managers work with them to create a budget and ensure they understand their financial obligations.
- If a client is temporarily unable to pay for basic needs such as rent, emergency funds may be available to help. However, most problems are resolved without using those funds.

### WHO ARE "REFUGEES"?

Refugees are people who have fled their homeland due to persecution.

The term "refugee" could also include the following people:

- Asylees: People who have fled their homeland and are seeking admission/protection in the U.S.
- Parolees
- Trafficking victims: Certified by Homeland Security
- Cuban/Haitian entrants
- Amerasians
- Special Immigrant Visa holders
- Lawful Permanent Residents



### CONTACT

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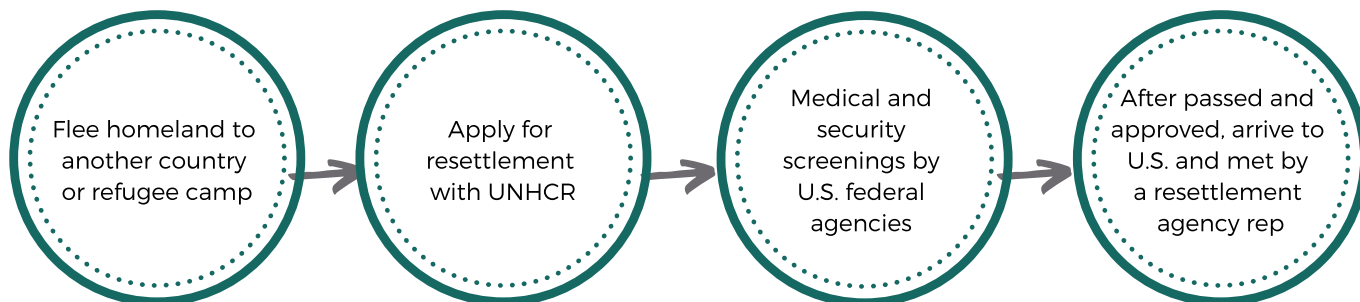
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**3,750**

Refugees expected  
to come to MO  
in 2022

## HOW DO REFUGEES GET TO MISSOURI?



### REFUGEES ARE MOTIVATED AND RELIABLE

- Our clients are very motivated to create stability for themselves and their families. CCCNMO works with them to develop personalized resettlement plans with short- and long-term goals to encourage self-reliance and self-determination.
- CCCNMO provides comprehensive case management and family and career support services, which help ensure that refugees have a smooth transition to life in America, are connected to jobs as soon as possible, and are able to thrive in their new homes. The services we offer include re-credentialing, developing personal employability plans, résumé development, interview skills, job placement with employers, and job retention. Many clients begin working within 90 days of arrival.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Let us know about any properties along public transportation and/or with reasonable rent
- Provide the option to bypass background check and application fee\*
- Understand that a resettled refugee's Social Security Number will be available but might not be available upon arrival
- Allow us to pick up keys and set up the home BEFORE an arrival
- Ongoing commitment to work with us

\*Refugees aren't able to undergo traditional tenant background checks as they are new to the country, but they are extensively vetted by the US government before arriving.

**UNHCR** screens and interviews each resettlement candidate. Then the U.S. conducts its own vetting process, and they decide whether to accept a refugee for resettlement. The process involves:

- 8 U.S. Federal Government Agencies**
- 6 Different security databases**
- 5 Separate background checks**
- 4 Biometric security checks**
- 3 Separate in-person interviews**
- 2 Inter-agency security checks**

**REFUGEES IN MISSOURI  
COME FROM...**

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Afghanistan

Ukraine

Burma

Pakistan

*and more!*

