

## MATCH GRANT PROGRAM

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Services assists eligible asylees with enrollment into the Matching Grant Program and employment services. Limited financial assistance is also available for housing and utility bills. Enrollment in the Matching Grant Program must occur within 31 days of the individual's date of eligibility of the final grant of asylum.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Catholic Charities Employment Services guides adult refugees, asylees, and other qualified immigrants to self-sufficiency through job-readiness counseling, referral services, job placement, and ongoing post-placement support and counseling. Relationships have been established with hundreds of businesses throughout the Central PA Region. Every effort is made to match the best client to employers, and to provide on-going support to ensure job retention. Catholic Charities Employment Services is also available to provide cultural orientation training for employers interested in learning more about the backgrounds of their new employees. Newcomers also participate in employment orientation workshops and job skills training so they may succeed in the American workforce. Pre-employment workshops address topics specific to the United States, including how to locate jobs, the application process, interview techniques, and American workplace culture.



## CATHOLIC CHARITIES IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICES

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Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA Inc is a non-profit tax exempt organization providing multiple human and social services to persons in the 15 counties which comprise the Diocese of Harrisburg. Services are provided regardless of race, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, nationality, disability, political belief or ability to pay. Catholic Charities operates on an annual budget of ten million dollars funded by grants from government agencies, United Way, fees from clients, as well as contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations and the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal.



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# OUR PROGRAM

Immigration and Refugee services of Catholic Charities provides a wide range of social and educational services to immigrants, refugees, visitors and non-English speakers.



Services are offered to individuals regardless of their race, creed, sex, handicap, color or national origin. All services are designed to help individuals surpass the barriers caused by language and cultural differences while still maintaining ethnic heritages and identities.

Immigration and Refugee Services of Catholic Charities has a multi-ethnic, multi-lingual staff who are dedicated to teaching people how to help themselves.

## Employment Services

Immigration and Refugee Services of Catholic Charities provides an orientation to the American workplace and job placement to refugees, immigrants and other Limited-English-Proficient individuals. Support services such as on-the-job translation and transportation are offered to help these individuals maintain employment.

Services are designed to assist individuals in becoming financially self-sufficient and independent of public assistance. These services are free of charge and are funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare.



## REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

### Who are the refugees?

Refugees are people who have fled their country for fear of persecution because of their race, religion, national origin, political opinion, or membership in a social group. Each year the United States government welcomes many refugees into this country. When refugees arrive, everything is uncertain. Many times they arrive with nothing more than the clothes they are wearing and their dreams of a life free from fear and persecution. Their struggles are not over upon arrival in the United States. They must start a new life in an unknown country with a foreign language and culture.



### How we help them:

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program offers the following services to newly arrived refugees:

- Pre-arrival arrangements
- Airport reception
- Temporary Housing
- Food & other basic necessities
- Orientation and acculturation to the United States
- Connection with similar refugee communities
- English as a second language classes
- Job placement
- Referrals to social service agencies



Our goal is to assist refugees to achieve self-sufficiency within the first 120-180 days after their arrival. It is through self-sufficiency that they can begin to fulfill their dreams of a better life of safety and stability.

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

### Instruction for Adults

Immigration and Refugee Services of Catholic Charities offers ESL classes for adults in several locations throughout the greater Harrisburg area. Classes are free and are open to all adult, non-native English speakers. Morning and evening class options are available to accommodate a wide range of work and family schedules. We provide pre-literacy, beginning, intermediate and advanced class levels. Classes are taught by professionally trained teachers experienced in ESL instruction methods. All ESL services are funded by State and Federal grants. Please call for more information about joining the ESL Program.

