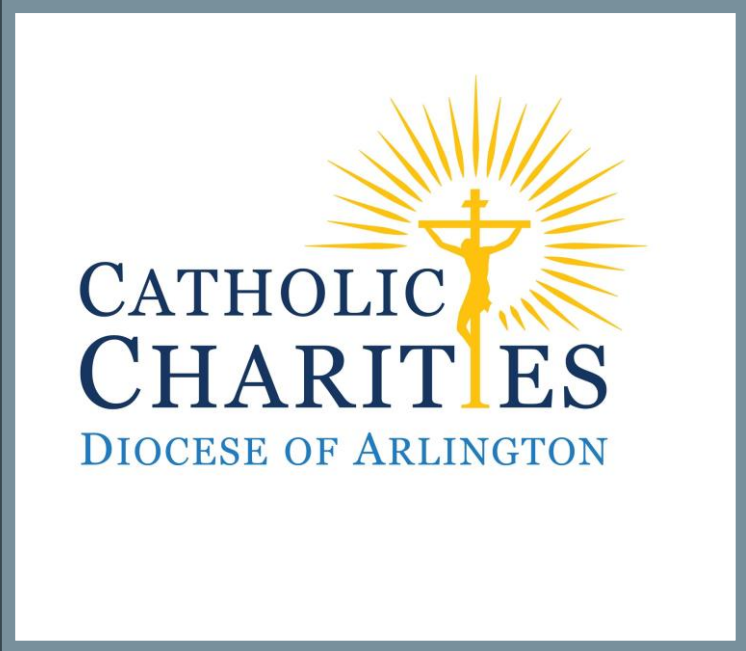


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Arlington/Alexandria Region
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CCDA/MRS Office Locations

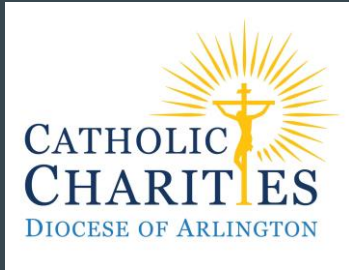


MRS Service Area & Office Locations:

- ▶ *Arlington/Alexandria*
- ▶ *Fredericksburg*
- ▶ *Manassas*
- ▶ *Sterling*
- ▶ *Woodbridge*

CCDA/MRS FY 2023 Arrivals

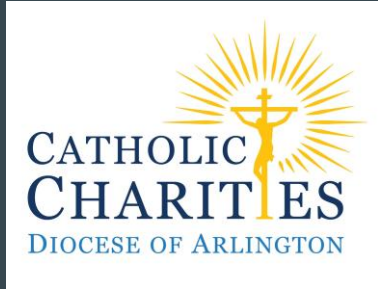
Arrivals to Date	Totals
Afghan SIVs	348
Refugees	96
TOTAL Arrivals for MRS since Oct. 1st	444



CCDA/MRS Program Eligibility

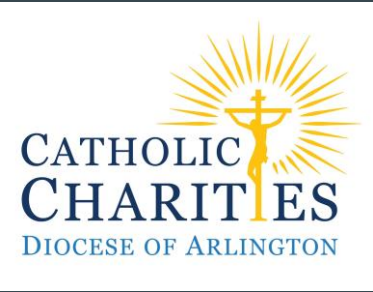
ORR-eligible populations

- Refugees
- Asylees
- Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrant Visa Holders (SIVs)
- Afghan Humanitarian Parolees
- Ukrainian Parolees
- Survivors of Human Trafficking
- Cuban and Haitian Entrants
- Amerasians



Refugee Support Services Employment Program (RSSEP) - Breaking the Barriers

- Free Employment and Support Services for up to 5 Years from date of arrival/grant of asylum
- Access to English Language classes (For Job Seekers Only)
- Personalized Job Leads, Résumé Writing and Interview Coaching
- Job Upgrade and Career Advancement Assistance
- Professional Development Training
- Accreditation/re-licensing support for doctors, nurses and engineers
- Career Fairs and Networking Events
- Financial assistance for short term vocational and professional skills training
- Financial assistance for rent and child care for those who qualify
- Assistance with transportation and interpretation
- Referrals for health care and legal immigration services



Matching Grant Program

- 8-month intensive employment and case management program for new arrivals/and individuals granted asylum
- Financial support – rent and cash allowance (mirrors TANF program)
- Must accept first available job and achieve self-sufficiency within 240 days.

Associate Director, Resettlement Services

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Refugee Health Education & Outreach Program (RHEO)

- Health orientation and education for clients and medical/mental health providers
- Assistance with navigating the U.S. healthcare system
- Referrals to medical and mental health providers, financial support with medical bills
- Assistance with accessing healthcare coverage
- Healthy Babies Diaper Program



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Arlington/Manassas

**Ahmad Stanikzai, Refugee Health
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Virginia Refugee Student Achievement Project (VRSAP)

- Serving refugee youth from birth – 12th grade
- Orientation for newly arrived families about U.S. Public School System and their local schools
- Support to assist refugee youth achieve academically and adjust socially
- Backpacks and School Supplies distribution
- Annual Student Recognition Banquet



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Youth Support Team Lead

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Youth Mentoring (MYVA)

- MYVA: Mentoring Youth in Virginia
- Young Adults between 15-24 yrs. are paired with a mentor
- Designed to support young adults with exploring careers & educational opportunities and civic engagement



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Services for Older Refugee (SOR)

- Serves eligible clients 60 yrs. Of age
- Connects refugee seniors to ESL classes, citizenship preparation, senior centers, with the goal of reducing isolation, increasing independence and integration



SOR Case Managers:

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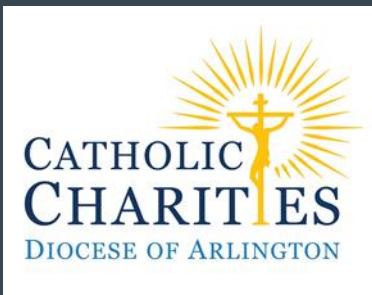
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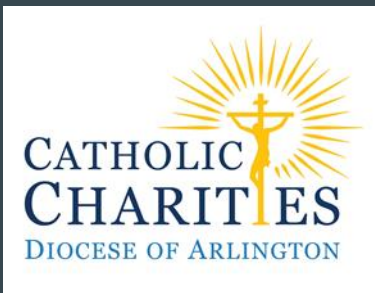
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Preferred Communities (PC) Program Overview & Goals

- **PC provides intensive case management for vulnerable refugee eligible populations**
- **Intended to assist individuals with becoming self-sufficient, independent, and healthy members of their communities**
- **Target population includes:**
 - **Refugees facing significant special medical and mental health challenges.**
 - **Youth and young adults without parents**
 - **Single headed households**
 - **Victims of Domestic and/ or Gender-based Violence**
 - **Elderly refugees without support**
 - **Refugees experiencing antisocial and psychosocial conditions, emotional trauma from wars and risk of suicide.**

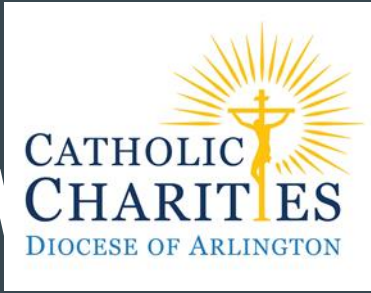


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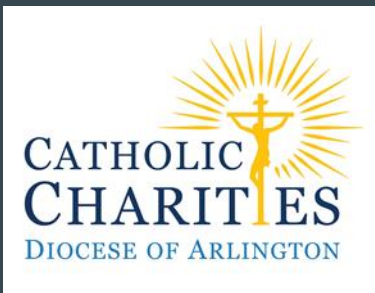


Community Capacity Initiative (VCCI)

- Bi-monthly Community Meetings to build community capacity for serving refugees, resource sharing, and addressing challenges collaboratively hosted by LSS, ECDC and CCDA/MRS
- <https://sites.google.com/view/vcci-northernva/home>
- Upcoming VCCI Meeting: May 9th at 1 PM on Zoom and in person at Fairfax Church, 11451 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

Interested in participating? Contact Gregory McKinney, Associate Director for Community Outreach and Resources

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CCDA/ Education and Workforce Development

- 6 Levels of ESL (in person and virtual)
- ESL for careers in IT/Technology
- ESL for childcare
- Citizenship Classes
- GED
- COMPTia ITF and A+

Course listing available at: www.cdda.net

CCDA Education and Workforce Development Program Director:

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CCDA/Hogar Legal Immigration Services

- Immigration legal consultations
- Cases involving Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC's) – asylum, U Visas, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)
- Obtaining lawful permanent residence (green card)
- Family petitions (I-130s)
- Adjustment of Status
- U Visas, T Visas, and relief under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Naturalization applications and workshops
- Citizenship certificates
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- Employment Authorization
- Green card renewals (I-90 applications)
- Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- NACARA
- Travel documents and FOIA Requests
- Removal Defense before the Immigration Court
- Waivers of Inadmissibility and I-601A Waivers
- Asylum

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