



New York State  
**Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance**  
40 North Pearl Street – Albany, NY 12243-0001

**George E. Pataki**  
*Governor*

**Robert Doar**  
*Commissioner*

November 27, 2006

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to enlist your help in making asylees aware of our service programs, specifically the free medical screening services that they are eligible to receive.

The Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), Office of Refugee and Immigrant Services (ORIS) is the state agency with the responsibility and authority to ensure coordination of public and private resources for newly arriving refugees, asylees, entrants and other persons eligible for services and benefits as if they were refugees.

Our *Refugee Medical Screening Program* is funded by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement to enable states to:

- Ensure follow-up of Class A and B medical conditions identified during the overseas medical exam
- Identify persons with communicable diseases of potential public health importance
- Identify personal health conditions that adversely impact resettlement and may require follow-up for the patient's health and safety.

The medical screening exam is free if conducted within 90 days of arrival or 90 days from the date that status is granted. An exam is available at no cost, at the site listed for New York City.

I have enclosed a list of voluntary resettlement agency affiliates and local service providers who can assist an asylee in a variety of ways and can assure a referral to our medical screening provider, or to other providers, in New York City.

I encourage you to provide this information to your clients that have been granted asylum or may be granted asylum in the near future. If they prefer, or if they need to speak to someone in their native language, they may also contact the New York State Immigration Hotline at 1-800-566-7636 (Callers from within New York City may also call (212) 419-3737).

If you need further assistance in relationship to the *Refugee Medical Screening Program* please contact Tom Keenan of my staff at, (518) 402-3022 or email, [thomas.keenan@otda.state.ny.us](mailto:thomas.keenan@otda.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,

**TAH/tk**

Thomas A. Hart  
Acting State Refugee Coordinator and  
Director,  
Office of Refugee and Immigrant  
Services

cc Tom Keenan  
Enclosures

### New York City Refugee Health Screening Providers

COUNTY	ORGANIZATION	PHONE NUMBER
Kings	B & L Health, Inc. d//a Allhealth Diagnostic & Treatment Center 1100 Coney Island Avenue, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Brooklyn, New York 11230 and	718-434-2100
	1655 East 13 <sup>th</sup> Street Brooklyn, New York 11229 and	718-339-6300
Queens	68-60 Austin Street Forest Hills, New York 11375	718-997-7100

## New York City Refugee Service Providers

Region	Provider	Programs
New York	<b>Asian Americans for Equality</b> Executive Director: Mr. Christopher Kui Program Contact: Ms. Kam Liu Man 108 Norfolk Street New York NY 10002 212-979-8988	New York State Citizenship Initiative
New York	<b>Catholic Charities Community Services</b> Executive Director: Ms. Mary Ellen Ros Program Contact: Ms. Shana Brodnax 1011 First Avenue 12th Floor New York NY 10022 Hotline: 800-566-7636, 212-419-3737	New York State Citizenship Initiative; Refugee Social Services Program; New York State Refugee Resettlement Assistance Program; New York City Refugee Preventive Health Program
New York	<b>Lutheran Social Services of New York</b> Executive Director: Ms. Sharon Scott Program Contact: Mr. Can Le or Mr. Solomon Reeves 475 Riverside Drive Suite 1244 New York, NY 10115-0046 212-870-1100	New York City Refugee Preventive Health Program
New York	<b>Safe Horizon, Inc.</b> Mr. Gordon Campbell 2 Lafayette Street 3rd Floor New York NY 10007 212-577-7700	New York State Citizenship Initiative
Bronx	<b>Citizens Advice Bureau</b> Executive Director: Ms. Carolyn McLaughlin Program Contact: Ms. Sara Farimani 2054 Morris Avenue Bronx NY 10453 718-331-3117	New York State Citizenship Initiative; Refugee Social Services Program
Kings	<b>Builders for Family and Youth, Archdiocese of Brooklyn, Inc.</b> Executive Director: Mr. Carlo DeRege Program Contact: Ms. Allmina Berisha 191 Joralemon Street Brooklyn, NY 11201 718-722-6107	New York City Refugee Preventive Health Program
Kings	<b>Church Avenue Merchants Block Association</b> Executive Director: Ms. Joanne Oplustil Program Contact: Ms. Madeline LaForgia 1720 Church Avenue 2nd Floor Brooklyn NY 11226 718-287-2600	New York State Citizenship Initiative; Targeted Assistance Grant Program; Refugee Social Services Program; New York State Refugee Resettlement Assistance Program; New York City Refugee Preventive Health Program
Kings	<b>Goodwill Industries of Greater New York &amp; New Jersey, Inc.</b> Executive Director: Mr. Rex Davidson Program Contact: Ms. Luba Makhlin 1416 Avenue M 6th Floor Brooklyn NY 11230 718-367-2213 ext 16	New York State Citizenship Initiative; Targeted Assistance Grant Program; Refugee Social Services Program
New York	<b>International Rescue Committee, Inc.</b> Executive Director: Mr. Robert Carey Program Contact: Mr. Van Le 122 East 42nd Street 12th Floor New York NY 10168-1289 212-551-3162	New York State Citizenship Initiative; Targeted Assistance Grant Program; Refugee School Impact Grant; Refugee Social Services Program; New York State Refugee Resettlement Assistance Program; New York City Refugee Preventive Health Program

<b>New York</b>	<b>New York Association for New Americans</b> Executive Director: Mr. Jose Valencia Program Contact: Mr. Eli Brett 17 Battery Place New York NY 10004-1102 212-898-4152	New York State Citizenship Initiative; Targeted Assistance Grant Program; Refugee Social Services Program; New York State Refugee Resettlement Assistance Program; New York City Refugee Preventive Health Program
<b>New York</b>	<b>Hispanic Federation, Inc.</b> Executive Director: Ms. Lorraine Cortes-Vasquez Program Contact: Ms. Jaslyn Jimenez-Pena 130 William Street 9th Floor New York NY 10038-4601 212-233-8955	New York State Citizenship Initiative
<b>New York</b>	<b>New York Immigration Coalition</b> Executive Director: Ms. Chung-Wha Hong Program Contact: Ms. Julie Dinnerstein 275 Seventh Avenue, 9th Floor New York NY 10001 212-627-2227	New York State Citizenship Initiative
<b>Queens</b>	<b>Ansob Center for Refugees</b> Executive Director: Cathleen Joyce 28-19 Steinway Street Astoria NY 11103 718-278-4303	Targeted Assistance Grant Program
<b>New York</b>	<b>Chinatown Manpower Project, Inc.</b> Executive Director: Mr. James Melendez Program Contact: Mr. Karl Gluck 70 Mulberry Street, 3rd Floor New York NY 10013 212-571-1695 x246	Targeted Assistance Grant Program
<b>New York</b>	<b>Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty</b> Executive Director: Mr. William Rapfogel Program Contact: Ms. Sandra Greenstein 80 Maiden Lane 2nd Floor New York NY 10038 212-453-9539	Targeted Assistance Grant Program
<b>Kings</b>	<b>Edith and Carl Marks Jewish Community House of Bensonhurst</b> Executive Director: Mr. Howard Wasserman Program Contact: Mr. Vladimir Vishnevskiy 7802 Bay Parkway Brooklyn NY 11214 718-331-6800 X49	Targeted Assistance Grant Program
<b>Kings</b>	<b>Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney-Island Inc.</b> Executive Director: Rabbi Moshe Weiner Program Contact: Ms. Rivka Berman 3001 West 37th Street Brooklyn NY 11224-1479 718-449-5000	Targeted Assistance Grant Program
<b>New York</b>	<b>New York Work Alliance, Inc.</b> Executive Director: Mr. William Gresham Program Contact: Mr. Shelton Jones 30 Broad Street, 12th Floor New York NY 10004 212-742-1001	Refugee Social Services Program
<b>Richmond</b>	<b>Jewish Community Center of Staten Island</b> Executive Director: Mr. Lewis Stolzenburg Program Contact: Ms. Rose Shargo 475 Victory Blvd. Staten Island NY 10301 718-981-1500 x.222	Refugee Social Services Program

<b>New York, Kings, Queens, Bronx and Richmond</b>	<b>B and L Health Inc. d/b/a AllHealth Diagnostic Treatment Center</b> Executive Director: Dr. Pinkus E. Lebovitz Program Contact: Mr. Alex Margulis 1100 Coney Island Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11230 718-434-2100	Refugee Health Screening
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