



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

George E. Pataki
Governor

Robert Doar
Commissioner

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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 State.

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.

Sincerely,

TAH/tk

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Acting State Refugee Coordinator and
Director,
Office of Refugee and Immigrant
Services

cc Tom Keenan
Enclosures

Upstate New York Refugee Health Screening Providers (includes Long Island)

COUNTY	ORGANIZATION	PHONE NUMBER
Erie County	Erie County Health Department Tunnel 80 462 Grider Street Buffalo, New York 14215	716-898-3515
	Erie County Health Department 95 Franklin Street Buffalo, New York 14215	716-858-8649
	Jericho Road Family Practice 184 Barton Street Buffalo, New York 14213	716-881-6191
	Sisters of Charity Hospital 2157 Main Street Buffalo, New York 14214	716-862-1378
Monroe County	Westside Health Services 480 Genesee Street Rochester, New York 14611	585-755-5381
Onondaga County	William Linsky d/b/a Northeast Business Healthcare PO Box 483 Camillus, New York 13031	315-430-7541
Oneida County	Oneida County Health Department 406 Elizabeth Street Utica, New York 13501	315-798-5748
Broome County	Johnson City Family Health 40 Arch Street Johnson City, New York 13790	607-763-6075 or 6096
Suffolk County	Suffolk County Health Department 1869 Brentwood Road Brentwood, New York 11717	631-853-3173
Nassau County	North Shore University Hospital 300 Community Drive Manhasset, New York 11030	516-465-8368

Upstate New York Refugee Service Providers (includes Long Island)

Region	Provider	Program
New York State	Catholic Charities Community Services 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 Hotline
Albany	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany Executive Director: Sr. Maureen Joyce Program Contact: Ms. Paula Read 40 North Main Avenue Albany NY 12203 518-453-6650	New York State Citizenship Initiative
	US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Executive Director: Ms. Molly Short 10 Russell Road Albany NY 12206 518-459-8812	Refugee Social Services Program; New York State Refugee Resettlement Assistance Program
Binghamton	Opportunities for Broome Executive Director: Mr. Timothy Grippen 56-58 Whitney Avenue Binghamton NY 13901 607-723-6493	Refugee Social Services Program
Buffalo	Journey's End Refugee Services Executive Director: Mr. Robert Roggie 184 Barton Street Buffalo NY 14213-0885 716-882-4963	New York State Citizenship Initiative; Refugee Social Services Program; New York State Refugee Resettlement Assistance Program
	Catholic Charities of Buffalo Executive Director: Mr. Joseph Sicari Program Contact: Ms. Ann Brittain 394 Franklin Street Suite 200 Buffalo NY 14202-1503 716-842-0270	Targeted Assistance Grant Program; Refugee Social Services Program; New York State Refugee Resettlement Assistance Program
Long Island Metro	Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rockville Centre Ms. Laura Cassell 143 Schliegal Blvd. Amityville NY 11701 516-733-7013	New York State Citizenship Initiative; Refugee Social Services Program; New York State Refugee Resettlement Assistance Program
	EAC Education & Assistance Corporation Ms. Rebecca Bell 50 Clinton Street Suite 107 Hempstead NY 11550 516-539-0150	New York State Citizenship Initiative
NE Metro	Westchester Hispanic Coalition, Inc. Executive Director: Ms. Graciela Heymann Program Contact: Ms. Leidy Rodriguez 46 Waller Avenue White Plains NY 10605 914-948+8466	New York State Citizenship Initiative
Rochester	Catholic Family Center Executive Director: Mr. Ben Murphy Program Contact: Mr. Jim Morris 87 N. Clinton Avenue Rochester NY 14604 585-262-7084	Targeted Assistance Grant Program; Refugee Social Services Program; New York State Refugee Resettlement Assistance Program
	Rochester City School District Executive Director: Ms. Linda D. Stagles Program Contact: Ms. Diana Hernandez 131 West Broad Street Rochester, NY 14614	Refugee School Impact Grant

	585-262-8704	
	Catholic Family Center of Rochester Executive Director: Anne Eichas Program Contact: Nanette Pokalsky 89 North Clinton Avenue Rochester, NY 14604 585-262-7115	Unaccompanied Refugee/Entrant Minors Program
Syracuse	Oswego County BOCES Dr. Joseph P. Camerino 179 County Route 64 Mexico NY 13114 315-963-4222	New York State Citizenship Initiative
	Syracuse City School District Executive Director: Mr. Stephen C. Jones Program Contact: Mr. Bob Huss 501 Park Street Syracuse NY 13203 315-435-4984	Refugee Social Services Program; Targeted Assistance Grant Program
	Toomey Residential and Community Services Executive Director: Joann Kaisa Program Contact: Joann Kaisa 1654 West Onondaga Street Syracuse, NY 13206 315-424-1845 x 7645	Unaccompanied Refugee/Entrant Minors Program
Utica	Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees Executive Director: Mr. Peter Vogelaar Program Director: Ms. Azira Tabucic 309 Genesee Street Utica NY 13501 315-738-1083	New York State Citizenship Initiative; Targeted Assistance Grant Program; Refugee Social Services Program; New York State Refugee Resettlement Assistance Program
	Utica City School District Executive Director: Ms. Marilyn Skermont Program Contact: Ms. Betsy LaPorte 115 Mohawk Street Utica, NY 13501 315-792-2256	Refugee School Impact Grant