

OUR MISSION

In 1948, the Diocese of Lincoln began resettling families displaced by World War II. In 1960, CSS expanded its resettlement program in response to the Cuban crisis. Today, we continue to welcome and resettle families from Burma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Ukraine, Venezuela, among others.

Our mission is to extend hope by offering the tools for New Americans to not only rebuild their lives that have been interrupted, attacked, and dismantled, but to pursue their dreams and prosper. From providing essential support during the initial resettlement period to facilitating long-term social capital, we are committed to serving every New American who calls Lincoln home.



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Refugee Resettlement



INITIAL RESETTLEMENT SERVICES

Housing Assistance

Assistance with finding and furnishing a refugee's first home, as well as financial assistance to cover housing costs during the initial months of arrival.

Community & Cultural Orientation

Cultural orientation program offered during the initial months of arrival covering key topics that help newly arrived refugees adapt to their local community, culture, and systems.

Medical Appointment Assistance

Assistance obtaining medical insurance along with transportation and interpretation for clients' initial medical appointments, as well as providing referrals to additional services to support long-term health and emotional wellness.

English Language & Citizenship Classes

Education enrollments and referrals for all members of a household within the first month of arrival: preschool through high school, college, English as a Second Language, adult education, citizenship classes, et al.

Immigration Legal Services

Services to ensure clients' access to, and education regarding, legal immigration documents, as well as assistance with obtaining a Social Security Number and work authorization documentation. Referrals are made to CSS's Immigration Program for ongoing legal immigration services related to green card applications, citizenship, family reunification petitions, et al.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Job Placement

One-on-one employment case management to assist clients in the job search and application process. Services include identifying employment opportunities that match clients' skills, assistance submitting job applications and preparing for interviews, providing transportation and interpretation at job interviews and orientation, offering post-employment support for up to five years of arrival in the US, and working with employers to eliminate barriers and promote a positive and equitable employment experience for all newcomers.

Career Advancement

Tailored guidance for foreign-trained individuals re-entering a profession in Nebraska, including help with credential evaluation, finding and applying for educational programs and financial aid, creating an action plan outlining the client's pathway to achieving their career goals, and connecting clients with a career mentor in their profession through the Connectors Program. Case management is available for the following professions: Accounting, Nursing, Engineering, Education, and Law.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Connectors Program

Professional mentorship and networking opportunity for foreign-trained New Americans re-entering their professions in Nebraska. Clients are paired with a career mentor from their field who provides guidance on job application readiness, tips for professional communication, as well as connections with prospective employers and other strategic professional contacts.

New American Encounter

Family-wide mentorship opportunity connecting New Americans with Lincoln locals with the goal of catalyzing meaningful cross-cultural encounters, friendships, and mentorship along their journey of integration.

Connections Beyond

As part of the CareerLadder initiative, CSS supports and helps connect clients to MyCity Academy hosted by the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights. MyCity Academy provides workshops on leadership and civic engagement, empowering New American community members in Lincoln to strengthen their ability to advocate, navigate, and impact local government services.



CSS is proud to be a partnering recipient of the Google.org Impact Challenge Grant alongside several private and public organizations in Lincoln to provide "CareerLadder" programs for New Americans. Programs include: Career Pathways case management for career advancement, Connectors Program for career mentorship, MyCity Academy to support civic engagement, and free digital resource development. **For more information on CareerLadder, please visit: www.CareerLadderNE.org**