NEW JERSEY HUMAN SERVICES

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OFFICE OF NEW AMERICANS

The Office of New Americans (ONA) in the Department of Human Services supports new Americans through outreach and education, administration of the state's Refugee Resettlement Program, and work on priorities to build trust, improve access to social services, workforce development and employment services, and legal services for immigrants. The ONA seeks to increase accessibility to State programs available to new Americans, including those who speak languages other than English. The ONA also serves as a resource for other state agencies to amplify education and outreach on state initiatives and programs to ensure they reach all new American communities in our state.

The following resources and materials can be accessed by visiting the ONA website at **NewAmericans.nj.gov/**

RESOURCES

Welcome Booklet

The Welcome Booklet consists of information and resources to support newcomers. Resources and services include: legal services, food and income assistance, healthcare and mental health services, school enrollment, getting a state identification card, and transportation. The Booklet is available in multiple languages.

Asylum Guide

The Asylum Guide contains information on the process of seeking asylum for recent arrivals to the United States. The Guide is available in multiple languages.

Employment Authorization Information

Guidance for certain recent migrants who may need to prove their eligibility to work in the United States by way of presenting an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), also known as a work permit. Details include eligibility, how to apply, and other important information.

Additional Information and Resources

The ONA has a variety of written materials available in multiple languages that can assist new Americans in navigating programs, services, and resources.

REPORTS AND DATA

New American Integration Report

The New Jersey Departments of Human Services and Labor and Workforce Development prepared a report to outline recent accomplishments, and next steps and recommendations on setting priorities, for the Office of New Americans.



New Jersey Language and Demographic Data Report

New Jersey is home to nearly 2 million immigrants and refugees whose communities represent significant geographic and language diversity. This brief provides data on countries of birth and languages spoken at home other than English among immigrants and refugees across New Jersey and in the state's three main regions, as well as language access needs among individuals with limited English proficiency.

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PROGRAMS

Free Legal Services

New Jersey's Detention and Deportation Defense Initiative (DDDI)

The Office of New Americans in partnership with community-based legal services providers including Legal Services of New Jersey, American Friends Service Committee, Rutgers Law School, and Seton Hall Law School provides free and expert legal counsel and representation to income eligible New Jersey residents who are at risk of deportations or are facing deportation/removal proceedings and do not have access to legal counsel.

American Friends Service Committee

- Call to request a telephonic consult: **973-643-1924**
- Residents of Monmouth and Ocean Counties: **732-902-0460**
- Detention-related calls: **973-474-9861**

Legal Services of New Jersey

- **1-732-572-9100 ext. 8782** (statewide, non-detained immigration matters)
- **1-888-894-0612** (for detained individuals or other detention-related calls)
- Online intake portal: **lsnjlawhotline.org**

Legal Representation for Children and Youth Program

The Office of New Americans in partnership with Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) provides free legal counsel and social services coordination to immigrant children and youth (under age 21) who live in New Jersey. Children and youth who arrived as unaccompanied minors or currently face immigration court hearings independently of their family may qualify for free help.

To request assistance, call **201-305-9217** or submit a referral form at **www.njcic.org/refer-a-child**

Refugee Resettlement Program

The New Jersey Department of Human Services, Office of New Americans (NJDHS-ONA) oversees and administers New Jersey's Refugee Resettlement Program (RPP) in partnership with the International Rescue Committee's New Jersey Office for Refugees (IRC-NJOR). Refugees, asylees, and other eligible groups receive services and supports through this program including cash/rental assistance, case-management, healthcare and employment supports. These supports are provided to ensure the successful resettlement of our new neighbors. Agencies providing these supports through Refugee Cash Assistance and Refugee Social Services programs are located throughout New Jersey and are listed on the ONA's website at **newamericans.nj.gov/programs/refugees**