

Check it out!

The Refugee Processing Center has many tables and charts related to refugee arrivals to the US.

The link below provides graphs and tables of arrivals by region, by state and country, and more.

<http://www.wrapsnet.org/Reports/AdmissionsArrivals/tabid/211/Default.aspx>

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Refugee Health Stakeholder Newsletter



Newsletter Changes Coming!

The Refugee Health Program is making some changes to this newsletter. These changes include:

- The newsletter will be sent out quarterly instead of monthly. Expect the newsletters at the beginning of these months: January, April, July, and October. Information will be communicated via the Refugee Health Listerv between newsletters.
- The newsletter will change from a print format to an e-news format, making it easier to access links and other referenced information.

If there are any other changes to the newsletter that you would like to see, please contact Chelsey Butchereit, Health Program Coordinator, at cubuchereit@utah.gov or 801-538-6834.

Refugee Health Advisory Board, Workgroup, and Subcommittee Updates

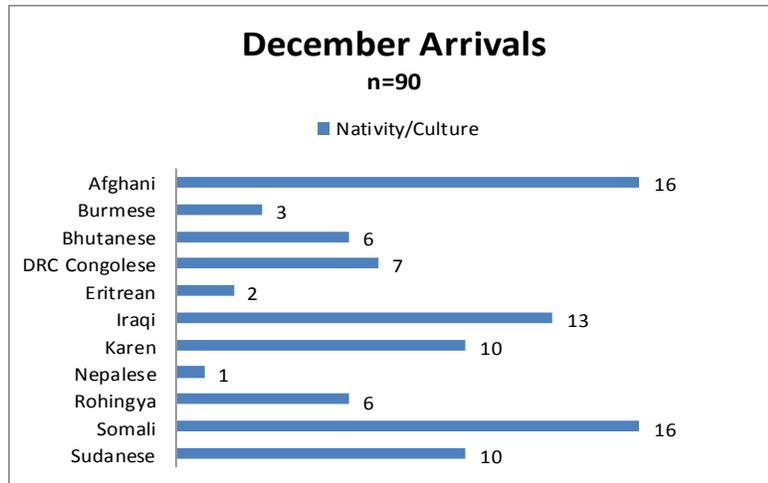
Refugee Health Advisory Board: The Refugee Health Advisory Board is still coordinating a meeting schedule for 2015. When a final determination has been made an email will be sent out via the Refugee Health Listerv.

Mental Health Subcommittee: No meeting was held in December. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at a location to be determined.

Reproductive Health Workgroup: The workgroup's regular meeting day and time is changing. An email will be sent out via the Refugee Health Listerv when a final day and time is chosen. The workgroup has another workshop scheduled on January 24, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center. The topic will be IUDs and contraceptive use.

Substance Abuse Workgroup: The workgroup did not meet in December and the next meeting date is not yet scheduled.

Refugee Arrivals Monthly Update:



Total arrivals: 90 Arrivals by agency- CCS: 40 IRC: 47 AAU: 3

Newsletter Feedback and Subscription to Refugee Health Program Listerv

If you have any feedback or suggestions for the newsletter or would like to subscribe to the Refugee Health Program Listerv, please contact Chelsey Butchereit.

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Community Resource Spotlight: Medicaid for Former Refugee Foster Care Youth

Under the Affordable Care Act, refugees who arrived in the United States as unaccompanied minors through the Refugee Foster Care Program at Catholic Community Services (CCS) may be eligible for extended Medicaid coverage up to age 26. Youth who qualify for extended Medicaid coverage receive Traditional Medicaid.

To be eligible for Utah's program youth need to be a resident of Utah, a U.S. citizen or qualified resident alien, be between the ages of 18 and 26, and have aged out of foster care receiving Medicaid or being eligible for Medicaid. The program has no income or asset limits and it is administered through the Department of Workforce Services (DWS). CCS and DWS coordinate to transition refugee youth who qualify for this program.

For specific questions about the program please contact Bart Wiest, bawiest@utah.gov, or (801) 538-9249.

National Update: Change of Leadership at the Office of Refugee Resettlement

Eskinder Negash, the Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) in the Administration for Children and Families in the Department of Health and Human Services, has announced his resignation effective January 31, 2015. Eskinder came to ORR in 2009 and served for six years as the Director of ORR. It was under his leadership that the Division of Refugee Health was created. His replacement has not been announced.

Clinical Refugee Health Resources and Updates: Iraqi Refugee Health Profile

In a joint effort, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and that National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases recently released a cultural backgrounder which includes health information about refugees from Iraq.

In addition to background information about refugees from Iraq, there is information about the health care Iraqi refugees receive in camps and in urban settings. Topics covered include immunizations, reproductive health, gender-based violence, and malnutrition and anemia. Additional information is included about communicable disease, non-communicable disease, and mental health among Iraqis is also covered.

The health profile can be accessed at: <http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/profiles/iraqi/index.html>

Refugee Health Program Updates:

The Refugee Health Program (RHP) has revised our benchmarks to facilitate timelier reporting of benchmarks. These will be explained and reported in the next newsletter.

The Program is also in the process of updating the database where all refugee health related information is stored. The change should allow the Program to more easily query and report on Utah specific refugee health-related data.

In addition, the Program is working with several graduate and doctoral students to create reports regarding: mental health data collected during health screenings; Class B Medical conditions reported among refugees arriving to Utah; a review of health information collected during the health screenings conducted in Utah; and a youth mental health screening tool. Once completed these reports will be posted to the RHP website.