Refugee Welcome Network (RWN)

Criteria and Checklist for Referrals

**Minimum Criteria for acceptance into the RWN program:**

1. Must have a credible claim to qualify for asylum or for some other type of humanitarian immigration status.
   1. To qualify for asylum, a person must be physically present in the United States and satisfy the definition of a “refugee” under international law: someone who has a well-founded fear of being persecuted in their home country due to their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group.
   2. To qualify for some other type of humanitarian immigration status, the person must have fled their home country to escape war, extreme violence or civil unrest, natural disaster, or similar dangerous conditions, and is from a country designated as eligible for temporary protected status (TPS), conditional Special Immigrant Visa (SIV), humanitarian parole, or other similar immigration category.
2. Time in U.S. - less than 1 year from arriving in the U.S.
3. Resident of Washington County, MD
4. Must have a legal pathway to lawful U.S. permanent resident status or other long-term/indefinite status.
5. RWN has capacity to assist

**Name of client being referred:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Client’s contact information and primary language:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Referring agency:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Referring agency representative:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Checklist:**

**Client meets Minimum Criteria 1-4**

**Yes**

**No**

*If YES, please complete the checklist below. If NO, the client does not qualify for RWN’s program.*

1. Legal status

Documented

Undocumented

1. Urgent health needs

(i.e. pregnancy, illness)

Yes

No

1. Children

Yes

No

1. Family size; more than 2 children

Yes

No

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1. Employment

Yes

No

1. Local support

Yes

No

1. Stable housing

Yes

No

1. Phone service

Yes

No

Once completed, please email this referral form to [refugeewelcome@harccoalition.org](mailto:refugeewelcome@harccoalition.org) with any additional information you would like to share.

***Completion and submission of this form does not guarantee acceptance into the program.***