

Refugee School Impact (RSI) Program

Overview

The Refugee School Impact (RSI) Program provides states with funding to support Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)-eligible refugee youth in their integration and education. The RSI program encourages states to conduct a needs assessment to determine what RSI services are needed at the local level.

States might ask:

- What needs exist among refugee youth and families?
- What challenges do refugee youth and families face, regionally?
- What programming already exists in support of refugee youth and families?
- How might we collaborate across organizations and departments?

ORR strongly encourages programs and service providers to promote inclusion, collaboration, and equity while working with and reviewing and creating programming for refugee children and youth and their families.

Program Goals

- Advocate for refugee children and youth and their families.
- Create and bolster programming for refugee children and youth and their families.
- Connect refugee children and youth and their families with resources and supportive programming.
- Facilitate equitable access and understanding of school procedures and processes for refugee children and youth and their families.
- Promote academic achievement and school integration for refugee children and youth and their families.
- Promote a strength-based mindset that values and integrates the diverse perspectives and knowledge that refugee children and youth and their families bring to their schools and communities.

Program Services

Funding may be used to provide:

- Specialized services and support for eligible children and youth.
- English language services.
- Holistic support to families learning to navigate the U.S. education system.
- Capacity development for school staff, systems, and child care providers.
- Facilitation of child care access.
- Support for early childhood education.
- Other activities designed to support the successful integration of school-aged children and their families, including resources to serve new populations.

Helpful Links

Office of Refugee Resettlement,
RSI Program Overview



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Refugee School Impact
Program Policy Letter 22-07



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