

Catholic Charities of Arkansas

Providing Help, Creating Hope

BACKGROUND

The Reception and Placement (R&P) program serves refugees. This population comes to the United States to escape dire circumstances in their home countries. The R&P program is the first step in refugee resettlement.

One service of the R&P program is assistance with securing housing. Some of the challenges associated with establishing housing revolve around identification and income verification. This infographic is an overview of what the R&P program provides to clients to address these challenges.

IDENTIFICATION

1. Pre-Arrival Vetting

Our clients undergo an extensive vetting process conducted by:

- The National Counterterrorism Center and intelligence community
- The FBI
- The Department of Homeland Security

2. Identification Documents

Clients' identification documents are available at different times during their immigration process. The following is an outline of ID information and timeline of availability.

- Alien Numbers- Available at point of lease application (pre-arrival).
- I-94/Passports- One or both of these documents are available within the first week of arrival.
- Social Security Cards- Typically received within the first two months of arrival.
- U.S. Photo IDs- Variation of availability based on clients' eligibility.

RECEPTION & PLACEMENT

A Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Services Program

Refugees resettled into the United States are men, women and children who are seeking refuge from persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group.

BENEFITS

Initial Support

From Federal Funding, clients are allotted a small budget of \$1,325 per person on the case. This budget is used to cover the cost of rent, housing supplies, food, utilities, and direct cash assistance. After completing the 90-day R&P program, clients continue to receive government support if they meet qualifications. Clients receive assistance to secure reliable employment or other long-term financial support.

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