

Refugee Children School Impact Grant Services for Refugee Children in the Public Schools

The Refugee Children School Impact Grant (RCSIG) provides funding through the Department of Human Services to refugee social service agencies to help integrate refugee children in Illinois schools. The following social service agencies offer services to schools, refugee students, and their parents. ***Schools may call programs listed below directly for assistance.***

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Agency Contact Information	Languages/Ethnic Groups	Services for Schools & Students	Service Area
Bosnian and Herzegovinian American Community Center Murisa Cirkic 1257 W. Devon Ave. Chicago, IL 60660 Ph. (773) 274-0044 Fax (773) 274-6188 mcirkic@yahoo.com	Bosnian	Counseling, Mediation, Cultural Orientation for Teachers, Tutoring	Chicago
Catholic Charities Ljubomir Jovanovic 126 N. Des Plaines Chicago IL 60661 Ph. (312) 655-8516 Fax (312) 427-3130 ljovanov@catholiccharities.net	Arabic, Bassa, Bosnian, Croatian, Dinka, Farsi, French, Krahn, Krio, Lingala, Pashto, Serbian, Somali, Spanish and Swahili	Counseling, Tutoring, Home Visits, Mediation, Parent Education, Cultural Orientation for Teachers, Translating/Interpreting	Chicago, Joliet, Oak Park, Cicero, Berwyn and other western Cook County suburbs
Chicago Health Outreach (Heartland Alliance) Joan Liautaud, Psy.D. 4750 N. Sheridan, 3 rd floor Chicago, IL 60640 Ph. (773) 751-4100 Fax (773) 271-0601 jliautaud@heartlandalliance.org	Albanian, Kosovar, Arabic, Amharic, Assyrian, Bosnian, Dinka, French, Hindi, Kurdish, Lingala, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Somali, Swahili, Twi, Ukrainian, Vietnamese	Mental Health, Art Therapy, Psychotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Counseling, Home Visits, Parent Education, Cultural Orientation for Teachers, Translating/Interpreting	Chicago

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<p>Chicago Connections (Heartland Alliance) Trudi Langendorf/Beth Sanders 4750 N. Sheridan 3rd floor Chicago, IL 60640 Ph. (773) 751-4046/(773) 751-4048 Fax (773) 271-0601 tlangendorf@heartlandalliance.org</p>	<p>Amharic, Arabic, Cambodian, Congolese, Dinka, Eritrean, French, Kosovar, Krio (Sierra Leone), Ogoni, Oromo, Somali, Swahili, Vietnamese</p>	<p>Counseling, Tutoring, Home Visits, Mediation, Parent Education, Cultural Orientation for Teachers, Translating/Interpreting</p>	<p>Chicago</p>
<p>East Central Illinois Refugee MAA Center Deborah Hlavna 302 S. Birch St. Urbana, IL 61801 Ph. (217) 344-8455/(217)356-1449 Fax (217) 344-8455</p>	<p>Congolese, French, Krahn (Liberian), Lao, Russian, Thai, Vietnamese</p>	<p>Counseling, Home Visits, Tutoring, Mediation, Cultural Orientation for Teachers, Translating/Interpreting, Recreational Activities</p>	<p>Champaign/Urbana</p>
<p>Interfaith Refugee & Immigration Ministries Michael Wolven 4753 N. Broadway, Ste. 401 Chicago, IL 60640 Ph. (773) 989-5647, X223 Fax (773) 989-0484 www.irim.org/youthprogram.htm mwolven@irim.org</p>	<p>Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Assyrian, Bosnian, Croatian, Ewe, Farsi, French, Fula, Kiswahili, Kosovar, Krahn, Krio, Maay Maay, Mina, Oromo, Russian, Serbian, Somali, Tigrinya, Ukrainian</p>	<p>Counseling, Tutoring, Home Visits, Mediation, Cultural Orientation for Teachers, Translating/Interpreting, Recreational Activities, Summer Program, Mental Health Referrals, Parent Education</p>	<p>Chicago, north suburbs, Oak Park, Cicero, Berwyn and other western Cook County suburbs</p>
<p>Jewish Family & Community Service Tatyana Fertelmeyster 1250 Radcliffe Rd. #206 Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 Ph. (847) 392-8820 Fax (847) 392-3221 tatyanafertelmeyster@jfcschicago.org</p>	<p>Russian</p>	<p>Cultural Orientation for Teachers, Parent Education, Mediation</p>	<p>Chicago, north and northwest suburbs</p>
<p>Rock Valley College William Sang Tsan 3301 N. Mulford Rockford, IL 61114 Ph. (815) 395-6600 Fax (815) 395-1899 w.tsan@rvc.cc.il.us</p>	<p>Arabic, Bosnian, Cuban, Haitian, Vietnamese</p>	<p>Counseling, Home Visits, Mediation, Parent Education, Tutoring, Translating/Interpreting, Summer Youth Program</p>	<p>Rockford, Harlem, Freeport, Dekalb, Marengo, and Boone and Ogle Counties</p>

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Vietnamese Assn. of Illinois Le Phuong Tran 5252 N. Broadway, 2 nd floor Chicago, IL 60640 Ph. (773) 989-6157 Fax (773) 728-0497 lephuongtran@yahoo.com	Vietnamese	Counseling, Tutoring, Parent Education, Recreational Activities, School Mediation and Interpretation, Leadership Training, Mentoring, Community Services, Home Visits, Like Skills Training	Chicago
World Relief – Chicago Ra Na Yu 3507 W. Lawrence, 2 nd floor Chicago, IL 60625 Ph. (773) 583-9191 Fax (773) 583-9410 ryu@wr.org	Afghani (Farsi), Arabic, Bosnian, Congolese, Croatian, German, Iranian, Lingala, Maay Maay, Nigerian (Ogoni), Russian, Serbian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili	Mental Health, Psychotherapy, Counseling, Tutoring, Home Visits, Mediation, Parent Education, Cultural Orientation for Teachers, Recreational Activities, Tutoring, Translating/Interpreting	Chicago
World Relief – Dupage Liz Dahlquist 1825 College Ave., Ste. 230 Wheaton, IL 60187 Ph. (630) 462-7566 Fax (630) 462-8103 ldahlquist@wr.org World Relief – Aurora (sub-office of World Relief – DuPage) Arne Bergstrom 31 W. Downer Place Aurora, IL 60506 Ph. (630) 906-9546 Fax (630) 906-9722	Farsi, German, Mandarin, Russian (Ukrainian), Somali, Swahili, Tagalog, Turkish, Vietnamese Farsi, German, Mandarin, Tagalog, Turkish, Russian (Ukrainian), Somali, Swahili, Vietnamese	Counseling, Tutoring, Home Visits, Mediation, Parent Education, Cultural Orientation for Teachers, Translating/Interpreting Recreational Activities, Mental Health Referrals Counseling, Tutoring, Home Visits, Mediation, Parent Education, Cultural Orientation for Teachers, Translating/Interpreting Recreational Activities, Mental Health Referrals	Wheaton, Aurora, Glen Ellyn, Glendale Heights, Carol Stream, Villa Park, Addison, Winfield, West Chicago, Naperville
World Relief - Moline Anne Grove 3115 Avenue of the Cities Moline, Illinois 61265 Ph. (309) 764-2279 Fax (309) 764-2399 AGrove@wr.org	Albanian, Arabic, Bosnian, Croatian, Farsi, French, Serbian, Spanish,	Parent Education, Cultural Orientation for School Staff, Interpreting for Parent/Teacher Meetings, "Who is a Refugee?" (classroom activity aids for teachers & students welcoming refugees to their class), Resource List for Teachers	Moline, Rock Island, United Township and other districts served by the Rock Island Country Regional Office of Education