



# MORA

## Maryland Office for Refugees and Asylees



### WHO ARE REFUGEES?

The 1951 Refugee Convention spells out that a refugee is someone who...

*"owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country."*

### WHO MORA SERVES

MORA contracts with program partners throughout the state to provide services to the following humanitarian immigrant populations:

- Refugees
- Asylees
- Afghan or Iraqi Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders
- Cuban or Haitian Entrants/Parolees
- Certified Victims of Trafficking
- Certain Amerasians
- Certain Afghan, Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees

**Baltimore Metropolitan Area (BMA):** Baltimore City and surrounding counties (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Hartford, and Howard counties)

**Suburban Washington Area (SWA):** Montgomery and Prince George's counties

#### Frederick Area

Eligible humanitarian immigrants outside the BMA and SWA, and Frederick jurisdictions can access services at local DSS offices.

### WHO MORA DOES NOT SERVE

- Asylum seekers unless they have one of the statuses above
- Central American Minors (CAM parolees)
- Lawful Permanent Residents who did not previously have one of the above statuses
- Naturalized U.S. Citizens
- Unaccompanied Minors
- Undocumented immigrants
- Visa holders (work, student, visitors, etc)
- Parolees from other countries not listed above



Locust Point has been called "Baltimore's Ellis Island", having been the 3rd largest point of entry for immigrants to the U.S after New York and Philadelphia.

MORA has helped more than 40,000 refugees make Maryland their home, aiding their transition from "displaced persons" to independent, contributing members of the national economy and the local communities. We work through a network of public and private service providers, to plan, administer, and coordinate transitional services aimed at helping refugees become self-sufficient as quickly as possible. Key areas for aiding refugees in adjusting to American life include financial assistance, job placement, community orientation, English language and vocational training, academic support for youth, case management, and other support services.

For general inquires contact MORA at:  
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[www.dhs.maryland.gov/mora](http://www.dhs.maryland.gov/mora)



Wes Moore, Governor  
Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor  
Rafael López, Secretary



## PROGRAM FUNDING STREAMS



Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)  
Department of Health & Human Services



**Through State Agencies**  
In Maryland: Maryland Office for Refugees Asylees (MORA),  
Department of Human Services

## MORA PROGRAM PARTNERS

MORA contracts service providers throughout Maryland as part of a Public-Private-Partnership model

	PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERS	AOP	ECMP	ESOL	RMS	RFEP	RSIG	RSS	RTCA	RTCP	RYMP	SOR	VTES	RHP	USAP	AS2SI	CRSS
	<b>Baltimore City Community College (BCCC)</b> (410)986-5430			✓			✓					✓				✓	
	<b>Ethiopian Community Development Council</b> (301)562-7303		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	
	<b>HIAS</b> (240)284-3306	✓															
	<b>International Rescue Committee, Baltimore</b> (410)327-1885		✓				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
	<b>International Rescue Committee, Silver Spring</b> (301)562-8633		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
	<b>Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area</b> (240)714-4034		✓					✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	
	<b>Maryland Department of Health</b> (410)767-6500			✓										✓	✓		
	<b>Montgomery College</b> (240)567-8950			✓									✓				
	<b>Prince George's Community College</b> (301)546-8350			✓													
	<b>Solutions in Hometown Connections</b> (301)615-1034					✓											
	<b>Haitian Development Center of Delmarva</b> (443)358-0353																✓
	<b>Rebirth Inc.</b> (410)264-1441																✓

Please note MORA does not provide direct services to eligible clients. Clients must contact program partners directly for eligibility requirements.

## MORA PROGRAMS



### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Refugee Transitional Cash Assistance (RTCA)



### HEALTH ASSISTANCE

- Refugee Health Screening Program (RMS)
- Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)
- Refugee Health Promotion (RHP) program



### EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

- Refugee Support Services (RSS) Employment Services
- Vocational Training and Employment Services (VTES)
- Refugee TANF Coordination Program (RTCP)



### EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

- English for Speaking of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Refugee Family Education Program (RFEP)



### TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT

- Extended Case Management Program (ECMP)
- Services to Older Refugees (SOR)
- Ukrainian Supplemental Assistance Program (USAP)
- Chesapeake Refugee Support Services (CRSS)



### TARGETED OUTREACH

- Asylee Outreach Project (AOP)



### YOUTH SERVICES

- Refugee School Impact Grant (RSIG)
- Refugee Youth Mentoring Project (RYMP)
- Afghan Support to School Impact (AS2SI)



"I do appreciate the resettlement services [I received], specifically employment. They provided training on building my resume and career in the United States, networking, and connected me with a mentor in my field. These were the keys to my success in the U.S that helped me find a professional job in my own field (engineering) in less than 90 days of my arrival. Honesty, integrity and [working hard] helped me excel at my workplace, as a result of which I completed two certifications and was promoted recently"

- Mohammed, SIV Refugee from Afghanistan