



# Typical Refugee Experience

## Refugee Flees Homeland

(Somalia, Sudan, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, etc.)

## United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Repatriation (sent home after situation stabilizes), nationalization (stay in the country to which they fled) or third country asylum or resettlement (less than one percent of refugee population)

## U.S. Department of State and Immigration and Naturalization Services

Interview at a Migration Processing Center with refugee to determine resettlement eligibility

## Allocation to Domestic Resettlement Agency

Migration and Refugee Services notifies the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the International Rescue Committee or other national agencies

## Allocation to Resettlement Site

Catholic Community Services of Utah (CCS) or International Rescue Committee (IRC) Salt Lake Regional Office

## Refugee Notified of Resettlement Site In the U.S.

Refugee prepares to enter of last stage, undergoing a medical examination and other clearance checks

## Processing Completed

Flight Booked, CCS or IRC notified of the date of arrival; usually given one or two weeks notice

## Arlington Diocese Office of Resettlement Prepares for Arrival

Resettlement Director assigns caseworker to the case; arrangements made for housing, furniture and food for the family; volunteer coordinator assigns mentors to the family

## Refugee(s) Arrive in Salt Lake

Caseworker greets refugee(s) at Salt Lake International Airport and takes them to their new home; family applies for social security cards, food stamps and other benefits; caseworker and volunteers help the family understand their new surroundings and the new culture

## Within First Three Months

Eligible family members start working and start becoming truly self-sufficient

## After Six Months

Case is closed at original resettlement agency; continuing case management and services provided through the Refugee Employment and Community Center as Asian Association of Utah (AAU)

## After One Year

Refugee is allowed to apply for resident status and receive a green card

## After Five Years

Refugee is eligible to apply for citizenship



## Department of Workforce Services

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Call 801-526-9240. Individuals with speech or hearing impairments may call the state relay by dialing 711. Spanish Relay Utah: 1-888-346-3162.