

Refugee Family Volunteer Committees/Task Descriptions

Committee	Task Descriptions
Housing	Secure housing, lease agreement, rental insurance, rental assistance, furnishings, movers, utilities; source apartment kits by room with necessities
Health Care	Accompany each refugee to a RHA (Refugee Health Assessment) within 30 days of arrival; Ensure access to primary medical care (accepting new patients with HUSKY/Medicaid); specialized care; help make appointments & arrange transportation; assist with urgent medical needs
Employment	Assist in sourcing employment for at least one family member; employment assessment (IRIS); create resume; assist with job applications, interviewing process
Legal/Gov't Services	Assist in applying for social security cards, public benefits (medical insurance, SNAP, cash assistance)
Finance	Develop budget for the family; coach as needed so they understand their financial needs and obligations, building credit history; use of banking system/ ATMs, online banking/bill pay, budgeting, tax filing; resettlement reimbursements
Education	Ensure adults enrolled in English language classes, children enrolled in school; ensure proper paperwork/testing
Transportation	Show how to use public transportation, provide transportation to IRIS culture orientation class, to and from appointments; ride coordination
Cultural Orientation	Show how and where to shop, how to pay bills, how to use emergency telephone numbers, understand local laws and customs; teach how to operate all mechanical aspects of their home; discuss hygiene and dress; grocery shopping, clothes laundering etc.