Refugee & Immigrant Center
Asian Association of Utah

The Refugee and Immigrant Center at the Asian Association of Utah (RIC-AAU) is a private, non-profit, and community-based organization located in Salt Lake City. Originally established in 1977 to support Asian immigrants and refugees in their transition to life in the United States, the organization has expanded its resources and services over the last 37 years to annually serve over 2,000 refugees and immigrants from all corners of the world.

We are devoted to helping clients become more self-sufficient in their daily lives, and aim to reduce the barriers that refugees and immigrants face when adapting to life in the U.S. We will continue to walk with people on their journeys to self-sufficiency. We know that our work not only makes a difference in the lives of those we serve, but changes our whole community for the better.

Youth & Family

We provide a unique holistic approach for refugee and immigrant youth and their parents as they adjust to new systems and family dynamics through dropout prevention, case management, family crisis intervention, afterschool programs, academic support, leadership training, and parenting classes.

Employment

Our services help refugees support themselves and their families through one-stop comprehensive employment services, including intensive employment case management, job skills education and workshops, employer follow up, career planning, ongoing needs assessment and referrals.

ESL & Life Skills

We offer immigrants and refugees empowerment through education with English language classes catered to our clients. We offer free or low cost English and Civics classes, non-Literate to Intermediate English levels, state Board Certified and TESOL Certified instructors, daytime and evening classes, up to 25 hours of classes a week, and limited class sizes.

Social Services

We help recently-arrived refugees move toward self-sufficiency by intensive, language-specific case management, connecting refugees with community resources, coordinating services, advocacy and education around housing, education, health and more.

Community Wellness

Licensed by the Utah Department of Human Services to provide services for all ages, including individual, family and group counseling. Some of the services and treatment we provide include mental health treatment and therapy, medication management, outpatient drug and substance abuse counseling, domestic violence counseling, and mental health case management.

Interpreting & Translation

We ensure clients can access services in their own language with over 50 available languages and dialects, interpreters undergo Bridging the Gap training, interpreters adhere to RIC-AAU's strict confidentiality policy and HIPAA regulations. We cover medical appointments, educational, occupational, and court appointment interpretation.

Improving quality of life for refugees and immigrants in Utah

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