

**Refugee Services Office
Women's Service Coordinator
October 2015 Report to Legislature**

Inputs>Activities>Outputs>Outcomes

Input Resources:

1. Women's Services Coordinator
2. TANF Funds
3. Community Volunteers
4. Utah Refugee Women's Initiative

1) **Activity:** *Create six community based-sustainable refugee women's leadership groups that hold monthly forums*

- **Outputs:** So far, a total of 12 women groups have been established, with additional requests for future services. The 12 groups meet on a regular basis and two are in the development stage.
- **Outcomes:** Provide women with information about community resources for them and their families, as well as improving the lives of refugee women through knowledge and empowerment.

2) **Activity:** *Hold women's workshops and track attendance*

- **Outputs:** RSO has held over 49 women's forums and focus groups and presented to over 700 women in 2015.
- **Outcomes:** Provide women with information about employment, health, housing community resources. Also organize communities to make them stronger and improve the lives of refugee women through knowledge and empowerment.

3) **Activity:** *Form education based trauma support groups (coping training) and measure success through assessments meant to find reduced risk factors and elevated protective measures for participating women*

- **Outputs:** So far, one community has identified the need for a trauma-support group. This group is now formed, has a six month plan, and is being facilitated by 2 refugee women community members, a psycho-education specialist, and a social work student with RSO. The LCT and the Refugee Women's Coordinator will form a trauma support group for new arrivals.
- **Outcomes:** Allow women to mentally heal, in a safe space, allowing them to progress in other areas of their lives.

OBJECTIVE

- TANF Goals:** 1/ Provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives
2/ End the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage

OUTCOMES

1/ Economic Stability

Refugees are employed in occupations paying wages sufficient to meet their basic needs and/or have sufficient household income.

- 153 Individuals assisted finding new or maintaining current employment
- 554 Individuals assisted obtaining or maintaining DWS benefits
- 39 Individuals assisted applying for SSI

2/ Education and Training

Refugees access educational opportunities that meet their professional goals.

- 270 Youth connected to educational or extra-curricular programs
- 54 Adults connected to educational or training programs
- 39 Individuals connected to ESL programs

3/ Physical & Mental Health

Refugees have access to appropriate physical and mental health care.

- 107 Individuals accessing mental health care
- 205 Individuals accessing physical health care
- 76 Individuals assisted acknowledging/treating substance abuse

4/ Community & Family Support

Refugees are connected to community supportive services such as general service providers, religious groups and refugee community organizations.

- 272 Community meetings
- 87 Community workshops
- 83 Individuals connected to existing social service providers
- 67 Individuals assisted obtaining or on path toward obtaining citizenship

5/ Housing

Refugees live in safe and stable housing.

- 143 Families assisted obtaining or maintaining stable housing

DEVELOPMENTS

The following outcomes were developed and will be applied and measured for FY2016:

- 1/ Refugees are employed in occupations paying wages sufficient to meet their basic needs and/or have sufficient household income.
- 2/ Refugees access educational opportunities that meet their professional goals.
- 3/ Refugees have access to appropriate physical and mental health care.
- 4/ Refugees are connected to community supportive services such as general service providers, religious groups and refugee community organizations.
- 5/ Refugees live in safe and stable housing.