



**WORKFORCE
SERVICES**
REFUGEE SERVICES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES

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WHO IS A REFUGEE?



A refugee is someone forced to flee his or her country and cannot return because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on:

- Religion
- Race
- Nationality
- Political opinion
- Membership in a particular social group

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT IN UTAH

There are approximately **65,000 refugees** living in Utah.



ANNUAL RESETTLEMENT NUMBERS

1,117

FFY 2015

1,244

FFY 2016

799

FFY 2017

385

FFY 2018
(to date)

CORE SERVICES PROVIDED

Resettlement Agencies



CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
SERVICES

- Initial resettlement
- Housing, food, clothing
- Case management
(funded by Workforce Services)

State of Utah



Direct and Contracted Services:

- Employment
- Health and mental health
- Family and community support

REFUGEE SERVICE PROVIDERS IN UTAH



UTAH HEALTH &
HUMAN RIGHTS
Holistic Healing and Hope



Refugee & Immigrant Center
ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF UTAH



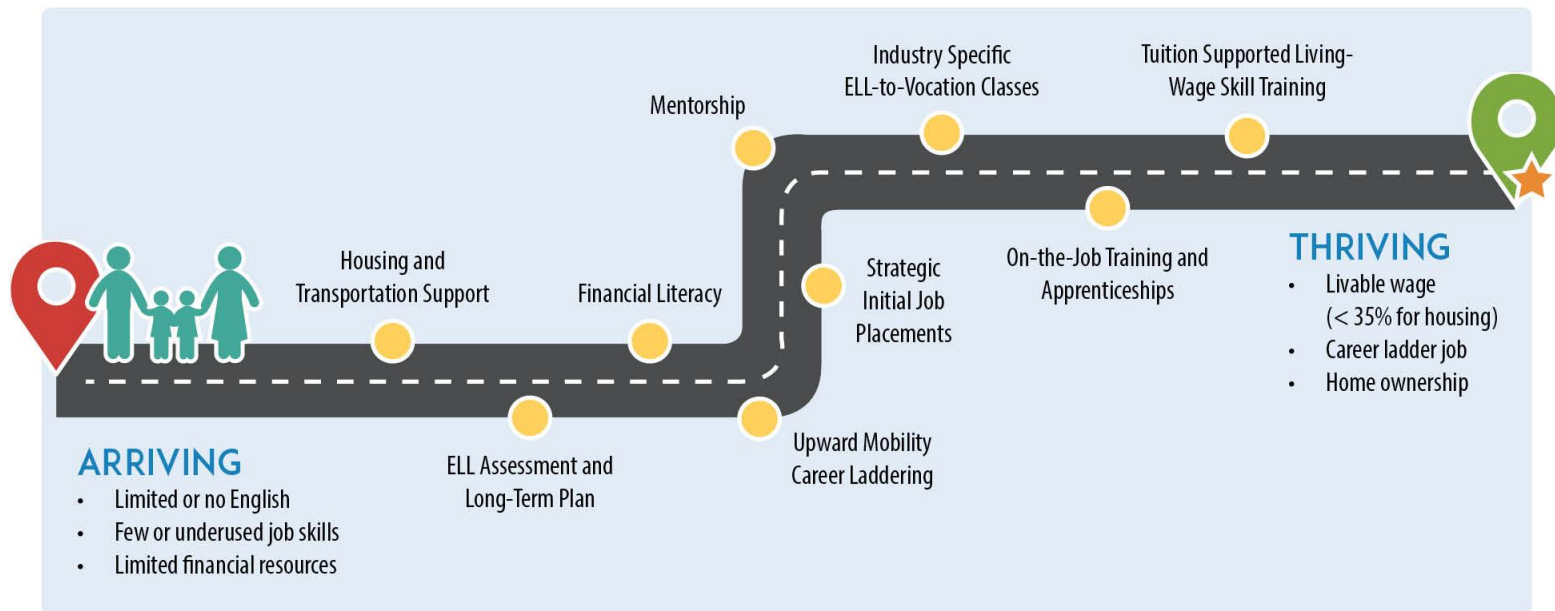
UTAH REFUGEE EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTER



Two-fold purpose:

- Foster opportunities for refugees to access family-sustaining employment
- Support refugee communities' efforts to find appropriate solutions towards integration

THE UTAH PATH TO EMPLOYMENT



NATIONAL RECOGNITION

“Refugees placed in Utah are fortunate to be supported by such a strong state-supported resettlement program, bolstered by a welcoming community and robust opportunities for case management, training and employment.”

- Ken Tota, Deputy Director,
U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement

QUESTIONS?



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