REFUGEES IN Indiana
The United States has been a leader in welcoming refugees who seek safety from persecution based on their race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group. Following World War II, the U.S. began welcoming refugees and over time the system has evolved to have a strong infrastructure centered on public-private partnerships. Communities across the U.S. have recognized the important economic and social benefits of resettling refugees. Indiana residents have played a vital role in the resettlement program and welcomed refugees to Indiana communities. In 2016, organizations across Indiana welcomed 2% of refugees arriving in the U.S., including 1893 refugees and 354 unaccompanied children who were released to the care and custody of sponsors.

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO REFUGEES IN Indiana
In addition to programming to support refugees when they first arrive to the United States, the federal government provides monetary aid through grants to the state, Voluntary Agencies, and other refugee aid organizations for community and short-term refugee support. The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration’s Office of Refugee Resettlement serves as the refugee resettlement office for the state. Primary program services include cash and medical assistance, access to English language classes, vocational and employment assistance. Discretionary grants are also awarded to private agencies for various other self-sufficiency programs.

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Another service available to refugees in Indiana is the employment Matching Grant Services, administered by Voluntary Agencies in the state. An alternative to public cash assistance, private agencies match federal contributions and provide intensive case management services to help refugees get employed and become self-sufficient within 120 days of arrival.

REFUGEES MAKE Indiana STRONG
Emmanuel Musinga grew up in the eastern mountains of Congo. He was a part of a Tutsi tribe, and lived with his family in a small village where farming was a major source of income. Emmanuel grew up only going to school occasionally because he would help his family on the farm. Without shoes, he regularly walked two miles to fetch water. In the late 1990’s civil war broke out in the Congo and neighboring Rwanda, and as a Tutsi, Emmanuel was a target for the invading militia groups. He was wounded in an attack, which eventually led him to a refugee camp in Kenya. From there he was able to flee these threats and violence and come to the U.S. with his wife and children. When he first arrived he immediately began working two jobs while also learning English and helping other refugees resettle in Indiana. Now, as pastor of a new church, a social worker, husband, and father of three children, Emmanuel strengthens his community by mentoring other refugees resettled in Indiana.

LOCAL REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT OFFICES AND AFFILIATES IN Indiana
- CWS, Exodus Refugee/Immigration, Inc., Indianapolis
- USCCB, Catholic Social Services, Indianapolis
- USCCB, Catholic Charities of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Inc., Fort Wayne
- USCCB, Remote Placement Indiana

In addition to these agencies, many ethnic community-based organizations (ECBOs) exist throughout the state to help various refugee communities integrate and succeed in their new homes. These organizations are run by refugees to aid in the resettlement of fellow refugees by providing a variety of direct services, increasing civic participation, and preserve the community’s cultural identity and history.