

# Who provides refugee resettlement and support services in North Dakota

## Who is a refugee?

- Lives outside the country of his/her nationality or usual residence because he/she is unable or unwilling to return to and live in that country because of persecution or well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion.
- Enters U.S. legally with U.S. State Department involvement
- Goes through a rigorous screening process including background checks and interviews prior to resettlement to the U.S.

## **LIRS** | **Refugee Resettlement** **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services** (National organization that collaborates with the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement)

### **Refugee Resettlement Reception + Placement**

- Initial acceptance of refugees within ND
- Initial coordination of basic needs (housing, furnishing, food)
- Work with national organizations and stakeholders to identify the number of refugees that ND can support

*\*Public agencies do not provide these services*

## **DHS** | **Refugee Resettlement Support Services** Department of Human Services

### **Temporary Refugee Cash + Medical Assistance**

- Provides cash support for up to 8 months after resettlement
- Provides medical assistance for refugees that may not qualify for Medicaid for up to 8 months
- Provides medical screening for all refugees upon arrival

### **Refugee Support Services (RSS)**

- Assists refugees in obtaining employment and achieving self-sufficiency within one year
- Includes: Orientation, case management, employment services, skills/vocational training, english language learner and transportation

### **Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program**

- Foster care services for unaccompanied refugee minors

### **RSS - Set Asides**

- Refugee School Impact
- Services for Older Refugees
- Youth Mentoring
- Refugee Health Promotion