



Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program

- The Catholic Charities office in Asheville has been resettling refugees under the Remote Placement program since 2016.
- In the past five years, Catholic Charities has resettled 373 refugees in the Asheville area, with 88 refugees arriving since October 2019.
- The refugees we resettled in the Asheville area were eligible to come to the U.S. under federal programs that allow a U.S. resident to apply for family in specific countries (like Moldova and Ukraine) to join them in the U.S.
- In May 2021, Catholic Charities will submit an application to transition our Remote Placement program into a Sub-Office.
- How will this change the way refugee resettlement looks in the area?
 - Each fiscal year we will have an accurate estimate of the number of refugees we will resettle within the year, which helps with preparation.
 - Our office will host quarterly Stakeholders' meetings for community agencies who interface with refugees. The meetings are an opportunity to *collaborate and share information*.
 - Our case management staff will play a greater role in linking refugee arrivals with housing and employment.
 - Overall, we expect the majority of the refugees arriving to be from Moldova, Belarus, and Ukraine, and to be family reunification cases.
- When can we expect to see these changes?
 - If our application is approved, our Remote Placement program will transition into a Sub-Office on October 1st.
 - Due to insufficient infrastructure to process refugees, we've been told the number of arrivals will not noticeably change until spring or summer of 2022. We expect to resettle about 150 refugees in fiscal year 2022.
- Please contact Susan Phillips (susanpowellphillips@gmail.com) if you'd like to support our application or if you have questions.