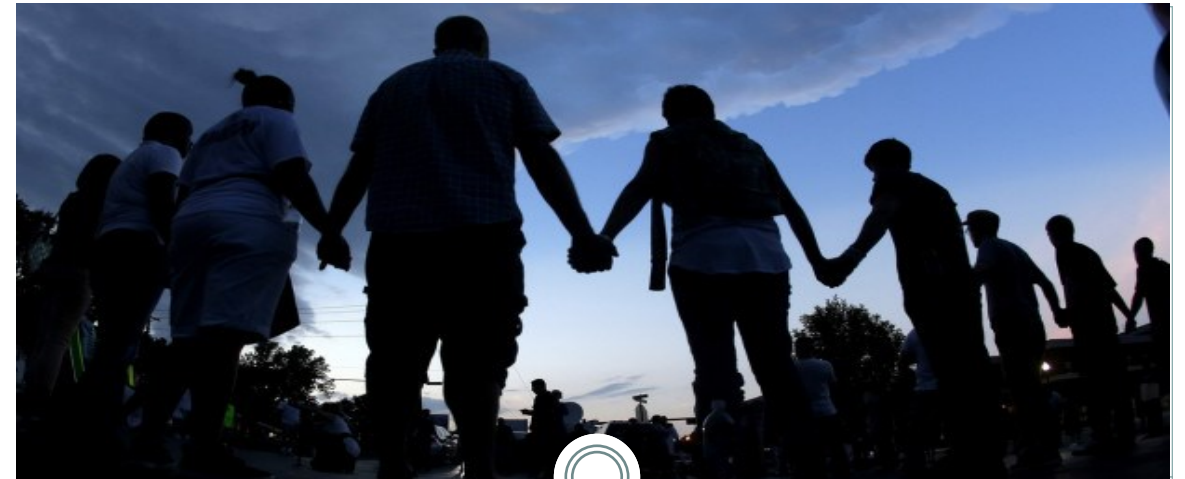




**Welcome to your roadmap to
understanding the world of our play...and
the world of our community members!**



Learn More

UNHCR

<https://www.unhcr.org/en-us/>

USA for UNHCR

<https://www.unrefugees.org/>

USCIS

<https://www.uscis.gov/>

USCRI

<https://refugees.org/>

ORR

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr>

Migration Policy Institute

<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/>

Interfaith-RISE — Community Resources

<http://www.interfaithrise.org/existing-community-resources/>

Read Our Stories

Fronteras Americanas - Guillermo Verdecchia (1993)

The Refugee Hotel - Carmen Aguirre (2010)

The Taxi Project - Emma Beltran, Martha Kuwee Kumsa, Sheng Xue, Goran Simic, with Erica Kopyto and Weyni Mengesha (2010)

Terms to Know

People

- **Refugee** — a person who needs to leave their home country because conflict or violence threatens their safety at home
 - * Refugees have gone through many rounds of interviews and background checks before landing in the US
- **Asylee** — a person who needs to leave their home country because conflict or violence threatens their safety at home
 - * Asylees cross an international border and claim asylum, at which point they are detained and their case is investigated before they are either allowed to stay or are deported
- **Unaccompanied Minor** — an undocumented child who does not have a caregiver in the US

Organizations

- **UNCHR** — United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees — A United Nations agency that supports refugees worldwide
- **USCRI** — United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants — supports and advocates for immigrants through programs
- **ORR** — Office of Refugee Resettlement — a program in the US Department of Health & Human Services that has programs and resources to support refugee resettlement
- **RCHP-AHC** — Reformed Church of Highland Park-Affordable Housing Corporation — supports community members overcome barriers to securing affordable housing

Policies, Procedures, and Places

- **Refugee Camp** — a shelter designed to temporarily meet the basic needs of people who are forced to escape their homes in a crisis
- **Detention center** — an area where asylees and undocumented individuals are held during legal investigation
- **Refugee Resettlement** — services that are provided to refugees to support them as they settle into their new homes in the US, including housing, education, employment, and cultural orientation services
- **PRS** — Post-Release Services — an ORR program that connects unaccompanied minors with resources in their local community to support them as they settle into their new American home
- **TVAP** — Trafficking Victim Assistance Program — A program from the Office of Health and Human Services that funds services that support victims of human trafficking
- **SIJ** — Special Immigrant Juvenile — a designation that supports foreign national children who have been victims of child abuse in getting a path to permanent residency
 - * This can help a child to be removed from an abusive situation and receive support without worrying about being deported, which may also be a tool that the abuser uses to keep the child from coming forward
- **VAWA** — Violence Against Women Act — a designation that supports foreign nationals who have been victims of domestic violence and abuse in getting a path to permanent residency
 - * Men can also petition for this designation

Did you know?

• In December, 2020, there were 82.4 million people that were forced to leave their homes because of violence, conflict, or other safety issues

- * Over 50% of these people have not crossed a border and are fleeing within their home country
- * Over 30% are refugees

• The number of people forcibly displaced has doubled in the last two decades

• Most people who are displaced by conflict come from the following countries: Syria, Venezuela, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Somalia, & Myanmar

• About half of all refugees in the world are children, and 1 million children are born as refugees — their development can be affected by the fact that:

- * They may not always have access to adequate nutrition and a safe and sanitary living environment
- * Their education is often disrupted, and some have not been able to attend school at all

• While many live in cities, 6 million refugees live in refugee camps, and they may live in these camps for many years

• The ability to seek asylum is considered a universal right for every person according to the United Nations

• There are an estimated 425,000 undocumented people in New Jersey, including over 24,000 children

The Reformed Church of Highland Park-Affordable Housing Corporation's Services

- Interfaith-RISE — provides resettlement services for refugees and asylees
- D.I.R.E — supports people at risk for deportation
- Still Waters — supports victims of human trafficking
- Accompany Now! — supports unaccompanied minors

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There are so many ways to
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involved!

[http://
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