Welcome to your roadmap to understanding the world of our play...and the world of our community members!
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 funds services that support victims of human trafficking
- **RCHIP-AHIC** — 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
- **SJI** — 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

Terms to Know

- **Veto**
- **Reconciliation**
- **International Border**
- **Asylum**
- **UNHCR**
- **USCRI**
- **ORR**
- **RCHIP-AHIC**

Had you known?

- 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

**Did you know?**

- **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

**Learn**

**Volunteer**

**Donate**

**Participate**

There are so many ways to get involved!

http://www.interfaithrise.org/get-involved/