

## RESETTLEMENT AGENCIES IN INDIANA

### [CCI Refugee Resettlement](#)

Indianapolis, IN · In Catholic Charities  
(317) 236-1500

### [Exodus Refugee Immigration Inc.](#)

4.1(39) · Social services organization  
Indianapolis, IN  
(317) 921-0836

### [Amani Family Services](#)

4.6(16) · Social services organization  
Fort Wayne, IN · In Ortho NorthEast | ONE  
(260) 484-1414

### [Immigrant Welcome Center](#)

4.4(17) · Non-profit organization  
Indianapolis, IN · In Indianapolis Public Library - Central Library  
(317) 808-2326

### [The Welcome Network](#)

Resettlement and Legal services for immigrants  
Hammond, IN  
(219) 276-3764

## **REFUGEE VS. ASYLUM SEEKER VS. HUMANITARIAN PAROLEE**

### **REFUGEE**

Someone who has sought and has been granted refugee status prior to entering the U.S. (or resettlement country). The grounds for protection: fear of returning to home country based on a proven fear of persecution based on the following criteria:

- Religion
- Race
- Nationality
- Membership in a Particular Social Group
- Political Opinion and/or Membership in a Particular Political Group

### **ASYLUM SEEKER**

A person who has left her/his country and is seeking protection based on the same criteria as refugees. This person has not yet been legally recognized as a refugee and is waiting to receive a decision on their asylum claim.

### **HUMANITARIAN PAROLEE**

A person who may be inadmissible or otherwise ineligible for admission into the United States to be in the United States for a temporary period (usually up to 2 years) for urgent humanitarian reasons or significant public benefit.

Note that this is a temporary status and, if the parolee is present for humanitarian reasons, parolees may be relocated to their home country if and when the State Dept. and the home country agree that the home country is able to safely receive them back.

Because the status is temporary, the parolee must seek asylum or an SIV as early as possible.

### **One exception to Humanitarian Parole -- Afghans**

President Biden issued an EO declaring that no Afghan can be forced to return to her/his home country of Afghanistan.

## **DACA AND DREAMers**

**DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals**

**DREAMers: Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors**

### **What Is DACA?**

On June 15, 2012, the Secretary of Homeland Security, Napolitano, announced that certain people who came to the United States as children and meet several guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal. They are also eligible for work authorization. Deferred action is a use of prosecutorial discretion to defer removal action against an individual for a certain period of time. This deferred action does not grant lawful status, nor a pathway to citizenship. This ruling prevents USCIS from approving new DACA applications.

### **DACA Decision in State of Texas, et al., v. United States of America, et al. July 16, 2021)**

The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas held that the DACA policy “is illegal.” The Court vacated the 2012 DACA memorandum issued by former Secretary of Homeland Security Napolitano, and issued a permanent injunction prohibiting the government’s continued administration of DACA. The Court, however, temporarily stayed its order vacating the DACA memorandum and its injunction with regard to individuals who obtained DACA on or before July 16, 2021, including those with renewal requests.

### **The DREAM Act:**

This Act would pertain to the millions of undocumented immigrant youth called Dreamers who live in the United States without legal status. A series of proposed laws, called the DREAM Act, would allow Dreamers to apply for temporary legal status and become eligible for U.S. citizenship if they go to college or serve in the U.S. military. The DREAM Act has not been passed into law and, if it were to pass, would face many legal challenges.

## RESOURCES TO ASSIST IMMIGRANTS

### UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA/LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL RESOURCES

City of Bloomington Volunteer Network: contact is Lucy Schaich:

[schaichl@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:schaichl@bloomington.in.gov); 812-349-

3433. To publicize your project and to seek volunteers

City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources

([Bloomington.in.gov/departments/cfrd](http://Bloomington.in.gov/departments/cfrd))

Bloomington Township (can assist with utility and other bills) [\(309\) 828-2356](tel:3098282356);

<https://www.toi.org/township/mclean-county-bloomington-city-township>

Bloomington Transit (has some discounted cards and has special services for those with severe disabilities)

RSN: website has list of resources by name of agency and by type of resource (set up by Diane L. and updated by current volunteers:

[bloomingtonrefugees@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingtonrefugees@gmail.com)

### COUNTY RESOURCES

Monroe County Division of Family Resources, 800-403-0864

MCPL has computers for users and books, CD's, and DVR's ([mcpl.info](http://mcpl.info))

### STATE RESOURCES

IN Refugee Coordinator's Office (Matthew Schomburg 855.673.0193 x5831)

IN State Refugee Health Coordinator (Maliki Yacouba 317.234.7252)

Exodus Refugee Immigration: ([www.exocusrefugee.org](http://www.exocusrefugee.org))

Catholic Charities (Indianapolis): <https://www.archindy.org/cc/indianapolis>

### NATIONAL RESOURCES

USA Hello at Afghan Resource Center; has Afghan Placement and Assistance Program (APAP) (if family is resettling via a Resettlement Agency)

Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS)

AILA (for legal opinions) (American Immigration Lawyers Association)

([www.aila.org](http://www.aila.org))

## FACTS AND FIGURES

**Note: the latest information can be found at UNHCR ([unhcr.org](https://www.unhcr.org))**

DISPLACED PEOPLE GLOBALLY: approximately 90 million

approx. 50 million are Internally Displaced

approx. 27 million: refugees

approx.. 4-5 million: asylum seekers

approx. 35 million: children

approx. 1.5 million: children born as refugees

TOP 6 COUNTRIES ACCOUNTING FOR OVER 70% OF THE ABOVE:

Ukraine

Syrian Arab Republic

Venezuela

Afghanistan

South Sudan

Myanmar (formerly Burma)

### AFGHANS

Afghans in the U.S.: 74,000

Afghans evacuated – 182,000 (not all are recent evacuees)

Indiana: 313 Afghans resettled

(189- refugees; 124-SIV's, i.e., those who do not qualify as refugees but who assisted the U.S. in its operations in Afghanistan)

### UKRANIANS

Over 7 million Ukrainians have fled the country

Over 2 million Ukrainians are IDP's.

To help Ukrainians:

UNHCR website ([Give.unrefugees.org](https://www.unhcr.org))

Project HOPE (UNHCR recommends)

## CONTACTS

[www.exodusrefugee.org](http://www.exodusrefugee.org) (*this is the organization that especially needs your support*)

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[bbackler@gmail.com](mailto:bbackler@gmail.com) (chairs the UU-RISE Welcome Team)

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