

## **WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU ARE GRANTED ASYLUM**

Congratulations! As a person with asylum status, you have access to new opportunities, programs, and benefits. Some have time limits so you should apply right away. Here are some important next steps:

1. **For Access to Free On-Demand Interpretation and Translation on Your Mobile Phone, Download the Tarjimly App.** This will allow you to connect to a volunteer translator in minutes. Conversations are anonymous by default and only first names are shared (Feel free to register with an alias). Your data is safe with us. Communications are encrypted at rest and in transit and are not shared with third parties.



To download the app, aim your mobile camera on this QR Code. Then click “open” in your browser, or go to <https://tarjimly.org/start>

The correct logo for the Tarjimly app looks like this in the app store:



2. **Apply for a Social Security Number at your local Social Security Administration-** An *unrestricted* social security card proves that you are able to work in the U.S. If you were granted asylum at the Asylum Office, bring your I-94 with asylum date; if granted asylum at the Immigration Court bring the original order of the Executive Office of Immigration Review (Immigration Judge) granting asylum; OR an original order from the Board of Immigration Appeals granting asylum (I-94) and your Identification. **Get a receipt of your application.** If offices are closed due to Covid-19, you must make an appointment at your local field office. Use the online tool at: [www.https://ssa.gov](https://ssa.gov) Search: SSA Office Locator, Enter zip code to get your office. Or call the national number: 1-800-772-1213
3. **Apply for Medi-Cal (Health Insurance), CalFresh (Food Assistance) and/or CalWORKS (Cash & Employment Assistance) at your local county Human/Social Services Agency. Once you have applied for a Social Security Number you may apply for these programs all at once** online at [www.mybenefitscalwin.org](http://www.mybenefitscalwin.org) Note, if you experience delays in applying for a Social Security Number due to Covid-19 office closures or service disruptions, you may still apply for benefits. First, set up a user account online. Or visit your local office.

**After you apply** you will receive a Notice of Action (NOA) or a Request for Information. The Notice of Action will inform you of your benefits and list each eligible individual in your household. If more information is needed you will receive a Request for Information. Be sure to respond to avoid delays. To speak with someone or follow up you can also call the Human Services Agency Office for your county. Discuss delays, if any, in obtaining a social security number. The county timeline for determining eligibility can be up to 30 days for cash or food assistance and 45 days for Medi-Cal.

4. **Schedule a Health Assessment** if you are approved for Medi-Cal to be sure you have good health and wellness. This special assessment includes many lab and vaccines which are required for your next immigration step, the application to adjust status to lawful permanent resident/green card.
5. **Contact a Refugee Resettlement Agency.** Some counties have resettlement agencies that can assist new asylees with social service applications, finding a job, getting a health assessment and more. There is a time limit to enroll in some programs and specific eligibility requirements.
6. **Obtain a California State ID (Identification) Card - Once you have a physical Social Security Card** you can apply for your California State ID card at a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) near your home. Bring your original social security card and valid proof of identity for name and date of birth and 2 proofs that you live in California, such as a phone bill or official mail with your California address. Be prepared to pay the required fee.

## **Refugee Resettlement Agencies in Northern**

**California.** \* Inquire about employment programs such as Match Grant, Intensive case management or others that a resettlement agency may have for new asylees.

### **ALAMEDA COUNTY**

#### **International Rescue Committee**

440 Grand Ave, Suite 500

Oakland, CA

510-452-8222

<https://www.rescue.org/united-states/oakland-ca>

### **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

#### **Jewish Family Services, East Bay, Refugee Services**

2151 Salvio St, Suite 350

Concord, CA 94521

925-927-2000

[www.jfcs-eastbay.org](http://www.jfcs-eastbay.org)

### **SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

#### **World Relief Sacramento**

4616 Roseville Rd #107,

North Highlands, CA 95660

916-978-2650

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

#### **International Rescue Committee, Sacramento**

2020 Hurley Way,

Sacramento, CA 95825

916-482-0120

#### **Opening Doors, Sacramento**

1111 Howe Ave #125,

Sacramento, CA 95825

916-492-2591 ext. 200

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

### **SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

#### **International Rescue Committee, San Jose (also serves southern Alameda County, San Mateo County, Santa Cruz County & Monterey County)**

1210 South Bascom Ave. Ste. 227

San Jose, CA 95128

669-253-3996 or email: [Elgiva.Wood@rescue.org](mailto:Elgiva.Wood@rescue.org)

#### **Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley, Los Gatos**

14855 Oka Road, Ste 202

Los Gatos, CA 95032

408-556-0600 or 408-357-7452

### **STANISLAUS COUNTY**

#### **International Rescue Committee, Turlock**

3446 N. Golden State Blvd. Suite A

Turlock, CA 95382

209-667-2378

#### **International Rescue Committee, Modesto**

3300 Tully Rd. Suite D

Modesto, CA. 95350

209-667-2378/ 209-238-3011

#### **World Relief, Modesto**

1401 F Street

Modesto, CA 95354

209-491-2712

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

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## **Refugee Health Assessment Sites in Northern**

**California** \*Within 90 days of your asylum, you are encouraged to apply for Medi-Cal and contact a site in your county to see if you qualify for a no-cost medical assessment for asylees. Please do not include your personal information in an email until requested to do so by the clinic.

### **ALAMEDA COUNTY**

Alameda Health System, Eastmont Wellness Center

6955 Foothill Blvd., Suite #400,

Oakland, CA 94605

Phone: (510) 895-7355

Email: [leemoore@alamedahealthsystem.org](mailto:leemoore@alamedahealthsystem.org)

### **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

Contra Costa County Health Department

597 Center Avenue, Suite #275,

Martinez, CA 94533

Phone: (925) 313-6893

Email: [maggie.nguyen@cchealth.org](mailto:maggie.nguyen@cchealth.org)

### **KERN COUNTY**

Kern County Kern County Public Health Services Department

1800 Mt. Vernon Ave., 2nd Floor

Bakersfield, CA 93306

Phone: (661) 868-1219

### **SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

Sacramento County Department of Health Services

Sacramento County Health Center

4600 Broadway, Suite #2100,

Sacramento, CA 95820

Phone: (916) 874-9227

Email: [DHS-SacRefugeeHlth@SacCounty.net](mailto:DHS-SacRefugeeHlth@SacCounty.net)

### **SAN FRANCISCO, MARIN, SAN MATEO COUNTIES**

San Francisco Department of Public Health

Newcomers Health Program

995 Potrero Ave. Bld. 80, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, Refugee Medical Clinic,

San Francisco, CA 94110

Voice Phone: (628)206-8608

Voice Phone that also accepts texts (628) 225-2375

Email address: [Newcomers.Health@sfdph.org](mailto:Newcomers.Health@sfdph.org)

Appointment referral form: <https://tinyurl.com/SF-Ref-Health>

### **SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System

TB Clinic/Refugee Health Assessment Program

976 Lenzen Avenue, Suite #1500 Lower Level

San Jose, CA 95126

Phone: (408) 792-5619

email address: [mylene.madrid@hhs.sccgov.org](mailto:mylene.madrid@hhs.sccgov.org)

### **STANISLAUS COUNTY**

Family & Pediatric Health Center

830 Scenic Drive, Suite A,

Modesto, CA 95350

(209) 558-8400

# Have These Items Ready When You Apply for CalWORKS Cash & Employment Assistance, Food Stamps(CalFRESH), and/or Medi-Cal

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Asylees may receive certain public assistance benefits from the date their asylum application is approved. Some benefits are time sensitive! You may apply for all three benefits on the same in-person or online application at your local county Human/Social Services Agency.

Your Eligibility Worker will tell you exactly what documents you need to provide during your intake session. The documents will be used to determine if you qualify and the amount of benefits you will receive. The amount of assistance you receive will vary depending on your family's income and assets.

The following list contains examples of documents that you may need to show your Social Services/Human Services Agency Eligibility Worker. You may also upload supporting documents to your case using your mobile phone or computer after creating an individual account on [www.mybenefitscalwin.org](http://www.mybenefitscalwin.org)

## Proof of Identity

- ▶ Photo ID
  - ▶ ID Card or Driver's License
  - ▶ Valid Passport
  - ▶ EAD (Employment Authorization Document)
  - ▶ Proof of age and family relationships in your household Birth and Marriage Certificates

## Social Security Number

- ▶ Social Security Card OR
- ▶ Receipt or letter from Social Security Administration, showing that you applied for a Social Security Card. If you are unable to apply for a social security number due to pandemic office closures, inform the Social Services/Human Services worker and request a temporary exemption due to the circumstances.

## Proof of Immigration Status

- ▶ Asylum Approval Letter from USCIS and I-94
- ▶ Order from Immigration Court

## Proof of Property

- ▶ Recent bank statements for all accounts. Provide a self-declaration if you do not have a bank account.
- ▶ Vehicle registration papers (if you own a car)

## Proof of Income

- ▶ Pay stubs (most recent, especially from current and last month)
- ▶ Tax return (copy of last year's tax return if you have one)
- ▶ If you get paid in cash, the eligibility worker will provide a self-declaration form

## Proof of Residency and Housing Costs

- ▶ Rent agreement or lease
- ▶ Rent receipt or utility bill
- ▶ Or a letter from person to whom you pay which verifies your address & housing cost