



WHAT TO DO AFTER YOU ARE GRANTED ASYLUM

Congratulations! Now that you have been granted asylum, you have access to new opportunities and benefits. Some benefits have strict time limits so you should apply as soon as you can. Here are a few things that you should do.

- 1. Apply for a Social Security Number-** An *unrestricted* social security card proves that you are able to work in the U.S. Search online for your local Social Security Office. Bring your I-94 with asylum date; an 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.**
- 2. Obtain a California State ID (Identification) Card** - You can apply for your California State ID card at a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) near your home. Be sure to bring valid proof of identity for name and date of birth and proof that you live in California, such as a phone bill or official mail with your California address. You will need your social security number.
- 3. Apply for Health Benefits/Insurance (Medi-Cal)** Many new asylees are eligible to receive Medi-Cal for eight months after they are granted asylum. Go to your local Medi-Cal office to apply for "Refugee Medi-Cal". Contact your county's Health and Human Services Department for Medi-Cal office locations.
- 4. Apply for CalFresh/Food Assistance** - For more information on CalFresh, call (916) 654-1896. Application for CalFresh must be done through your local county office. Locate contact information for your county office here: www.calfresh.ca.gov/PG839.htm
- 5. Schedule a Health Assessment** to be sure you have good health and wellness. See list of below and call for an appointment.

If you need assistance with applications or questions:

6. Search for your County's Refugee Services on the Internet

The back of this page has county contacts for some refugee resettlement agencies and health assessment agencies in Northern California.

Or search your county name and "refugee services" on the internet to find the organization in your county that can help you get started.

7. Visit a Refugee Resettlement Agency or Refugee Health Assessment Program

Some refugee resettlement programs can assist new asylees with social service applications, finding a job, getting a health assessment, learning English, and/or financial assistance. There is a time limit to enroll in this program and specific eligibility requirements, so visit the agency in your county as soon as possible.

Refugee Health Assessment locations in Northern California (updated Aug 2018)**ALAMEDA COUNTY**

Alameda County Refugee Health Program
6955 Foothills Blvd. Suite 200
Oakland, CA 94605
(510) 895-7352; Fax: (510) 895-7376
sly@acmedctr.org

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Contra Costa County Health Department
Physical address in different locations, please call (925) 313-6893; Fax: (925) 313-6344
maggie.nguyen@hsd.cccounty.us

KERN COUNTY

Department of Public Health
1800 Mt. Vernon Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93306
(661) 868-1219

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

TB Clinic/Refugee Health Assessment Program
976 Lenzen Avenue
Room 1500 & Lower Level San Jose, CA 95126
(408) 792-5619; Fax: (408) 947-8778
Mylene.Madrid@hhs.sccgov.org

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Chest Clinic and Refugee Clinic
4600 Broadway, Suite A,
Sacramento, CA 95820
(916) 874-9330; Fax: (916) 874-1446
fieldk@saccounty.net

STANISLAUS COUNTY

Stanislaus County Health Dept
820 Scenic Drive Modesto, CA 95350
(209) 558-8863

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY, SAN MATEO COUNTY, & MARIN COUNTY

Newcomers Health Program
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Refugee Medical Clinic
Family Health Center
995 Potrero Ave. Ward 85
San Francisco, CA 94110
(415) 206-8608;
Fax: (415) 206-5513
Sammi.Truong@sfdph.org
Newcomers.Health@sfdph.org

Refugee Resettlement Agencies in Northern California (updated Aug 2018)**ALAMEDA COUNTY**

International Rescue Committee
440 Grand Ave #500,
Oakland, CA 94610
510-452-8222

Catholic Charities, East Bay
433 Jefferson Street
Oakland, CA 94607
510-768-3100

Catholic Charities, East Bay
4700 Calaveras Ave.
Fremont, CA 94538
510-793-6465 Web:
<http://www.cceb.org/>

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Jewish Family Services, East Bay
Refugee and Immigration Services
1855 Olympic Blvd Ste. 200
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
925-927-2000 Web: www.jfcs-eastbay.org

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

World Relief Sacramento
4616 Roseville Rd #107,
North Highlands, CA 95660
916-978-2650

International Rescue Committee
2020 Hurley Way,
Sacramento, CA 95825
916-482-0120

Opening Doors
1111 Howe Ave #125,
Sacramento, CA 95825
916-492-2591 Web:
www.openingdoorsinc.org

STANISLAUS COUNTY

International Rescue Committee
2925 Niagara St. Turlock, CA 95382
209-656-8158

World Relief, Modesto
1401 F Street
Modesto, CA 95354 209-491-2712
www.worldreliefmodesto.org

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Catholic Charities
2625 Zanker Road
San Jose, CA 95134
408-468-0100 Web:
<http://catholiccharitiesscc.org>

International Rescue Committee
1210 South Bascom Ave.
Ste. 227
San Jose, CA 95128
408-277-0255

Jewish Family Services of Silicon Valley
14855 Oka Road, Ste 202
Los Gatos, CA 95032
408-556-0600

Take With You When You Apply For Cash Aid, Food Stamps, and/or MediCal

Asylees may receive certain public assistance benefits from the date their asylum application is approved.

Proposed public charge changes do NOT affect asylees.

Your Eligibility Worker will tell you exactly what documents you need to provide during your intake session. The documents will be used to figure out how much money 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 Eligibility Worker. Take as many of these as you have. Take original documents.

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

Proof of Immigration Status

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

Proof of Property

- ▶ Bank statements (most recent statements for checking and savings)
- ▶ Vehicle registration papers

Proof of Income

- ▶ Pay stubs (most recent, especially all from current and last month)
- ▶ Tax return (copy of last year's tax return)
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Letter from person to whom you pay rent verifying your address and housing cost
- ▶ Utility bill (even if the bill is not under your name)