



# Catholic Charities Refugee and Immigration Services

**Catholic Immigrant Integration Conference  
October 2, 2015 El Paso, TX**

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# Framework

- Catholic Charities Refugee and Immigration Division is comprised of three distinct yet overlapping programs dedicated to serving refugees and immigrants compassion and dignity while journeying with them on the road to full inclusion and participation in a just society.
- National and Local Integration of Programs: Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc, and US Conference of Catholic Bishops Migration and Refugee Services

# Real Life Examples

**“For me, successful integration in US is being comfortable; being comfortable in my family, my faith, my job, and with how much money I earn”**

**—Khiet, resettled from Viet Nam,  
Resettlement Program Manager, 22 years  
of service**



Resilient • Future Citizens • Survivors



# Community Interpreter Services



- Ensure limited English proficient (LEP) persons have access to mainstream services through professional interpreters.
- Improve quality of life for LEP persons
- A social enterprise of Catholic Charities; average 31% profit margin
- **Reinvest** net earnings into services for newcomers
- Employ immigrants & refugees
- 13,117 served in FY14

# Immigration Legal Services

- CLINIC Affiliate 20+ years
- Affordable, reputable legal consultation and representation
- 7 Attorneys, 2 BIA Reps; 3 are immigrants

## FY15 Services

- Civic Engagement: 32
- Education: 502
- Employment: 132
- Family Stabilization: 237
- Guidance: 681
- Protection: 157



# Resettlement Services

- **US Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration**
  - Reception and Placement Program
    - Pre-Arrival
    - Core Services
    - 90 Days
- **DHHS ACF Office of Refugee Resettlement**
  - Post Arrival Services
    - Employment
    - Cash & Medical Assistance
    - Community Support
  - Up to 5 years of eligibility



# Required Evaluation for Refugees

- **90 Day Core Service Report**
- **Completion of Refugee Health Assessment**
- **Employment Placement at 90, 120, 180 days**
- **Employment Retention at 90 days**
- **Reduction/Termination of Cash Assistance & other public supports**
- **On-Site Monitoring**



# Other Measures for Consideration

- Participation in R&I Workforce
  - 12 RIS staff 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> generation immigrants
  - 50% staff in MA voluntary agencies are former refugees
- Leadership in Mutual Assistance Associations (MAA)
  - 10 MAA in MA; 100% lead by former refugees
  - Haitian Multi-Service Center of CCAB
- Leadership or Participation in Faith Communities
  - RCAB Ethnic Apostolate: Iraqi (Chaldean), Ethiopian/Eritrean, Vietnamese
  - Karen Baptist Church, Lynn, MA



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