

## REFUGEE FACT SHEET

- Refugees are people forced from their home country because of violence or war.
- Refugees arrive in the U.S. with permanent legal documented status following multiple screenings including health and security checks.
- LSS has helped facilitate the settlement of more than 10,000 refugees since 1974.
- LSS has the capacity to resettle 300 refugees per year. This number may increase based on the level of support needed for Afghans.
- Some refugees fleeing from Afghanistan fought alongside American military personnel and are counted among U.S. Veterans.
- Over the years, LSS has served refugees from Burma, Somalia, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Syria, Afghanistan and other countries.
- LSS provides refugees with high-quality, comprehensive services to individuals and families. “Core Services” for the first 30-90 days include the following:
  - Initial housing
  - Food and clothing
  - School enrollment for children
  - English language training
  - Job services and placement
- LSS provides employment services and job placement to promote empowerment and earliest self-sufficiency
- LSS provides on-going services, information and referral resources for up to 5 years.
- Visit [LSSWIS.org](https://lsswis.org) for ways to give and get involved.

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