



ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR REFUGEES RESETTLED IN THE U.S.¹

INITIAL ASSISTANCE

Reception and Placement Grant (DOS)
\$1,850 per refugee

Benefit Eligibility: Up to 3 Months



Pre Arrival, reception, initial housing, food, clothing. Referrals services and social programs.

CASH ASSISTANCE

Either...

TANF

(Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)

Time-limited cash assistance and other support services for qualifying low-income individuals with dependent children.

Benefit Eligibility: Up to 5 Years



Or...

Refugee Cash Assistance (ORR)

Program similar to TANF for refugees who do not qualify for TANF.

Benefit Eligibility: Up to 8 Months



Or...

SSI

(Supplemental Security Income)

Cash assistance to low-income individuals who are aged, blind, or disabled.

Benefit Eligibility: Up to 9 Years



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Either...

Medicaid/SCHIP

Health care coverage for qualifying low-income individuals.

Benefit Eligibility: Up to 7 Years



Or...

Refugee Medical Assistance (ORR)

Program similar to Medicaid for refugees who do not qualify for Medicaid.

Benefit Eligibility: Up to 8 Months



SOCIAL SERVICES

ORR Social Services

Emphasis on getting refugees early employment, including employment preparation and job placement and retention services.

Benefit Eligibility: Up to 5 Years



Other benefits:

SNAP, formerly Food Stamp Program: Food assistance for qualifying low-income individuals.

¹ Source: GAO Report Iraqi Refugees and Special Immigrant Visa Holders Face Challenges Resettling in the United States and Obtaining U.S. Government Employment. <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d10274.pdf>