The Arizona Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) administers refugee resettlement services and time limited cash and medical assistance for eligible beneficiaries.

**Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA)**

A federally-funded, eight month maximum need-based cash benefit for refugees and other eligible beneficiaries otherwise not eligible for such public cash assistance as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

**Refugee Medical Assistance/Refugee Medical Screening (RMA/RMS)**

A federally-funded, eight month maximum health benefit for refugees and other eligible beneficiaries otherwise not eligible for AHCCCS (Arizona Medicaid). RMA also covers the U.S. Domestic Medical Examination for Newly Arriving Refugees that initiates surveillance activities to monitor medical conditions identified post-arrival and ensuring adequate follow-up of medical conditions identified overseas.

**Domestic Medical Screening for Newly Arrived Refugees**

- **Maricopa County**: Maricopa County Department of Public Health
  Angelito Bravo
  angelitobravo@mail.maricopa.gov
  (602) 506-6651

- **Pima County**: Banner University Medical Center
  Natasha Korosteleva
  Nataliya.Korosteleva@bannerhealth.com
  (520) 694-1611

**Refugee Health Promotion**

The Refugee Health Promotion Program works to improve refugees’ health outcomes through health literacy and facilitated connection with health service providers.

- **Maricopa County**: Maricopa Integrated Health Services
  Jeanne F. Nizigiyimana, MSW, MA
  Jeanne_Nizigiyimana@dmgaz.org
  (602) 344-1445

- **Pima County**: Tucson Family Advocacy Program
  Anne M. Ryan
  anneryan@email.arizona.edu
  (520) 694-1624
English Language Training

English Language Training (ELT) for refugees and other eligible beneficiaries focuses on the acquisition of English skills necessary for obtaining and maintaining employment and consistent with national Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) standards.

- **Maricopa County: Friendly House**
  Sara Haghighi, English Language Training Supervisor
  Sara.Haghighi@friendlyhouse.org
  (602) 257-1870

- **Pima County: Pima Community College Adult Education**
  Mary Mercado, Program Manager
  mmercado@pima.edu
  (520) 795-2754

Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) Program

The U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services identify refugee children from birth to age 18 who are without a parent/guardian and are eligible for resettlement in the U.S. Upon arrival in the U.S., these refugee children are placed into the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) Program to receive safe and nurturing foster care placement and other services and benefits.

- **Maricopa County: Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program**
  Clairette Clinger, Unaccompanied Minors Program Manager
  cclinger@cc-az.org
  (602) 944-1819

Case Management and Employment Services

Linguistically compatible and culturally responsive case management and employment services support refugees in achieving economic self-sufficiency as quickly as possible after their arrival in the United States. Services are intended to best advance refugees’ effective resettlement in their new Arizona communities. These services are linked to initial Reception and Placement Services, are prioritized by need categories, and are available for up to five years from an eligible beneficiary’s arrival or grant of legal status in the United States.

**Maricopa County**

- **Arizona Immigrant & Refugee Services**
  Safaa Alsharbati, Operations Manager
  safaa.alsharbati@airsaz.org
  (602) 944-1821
**Catholic Charities, Community Services**  
Joanne Morales, Director of Refugee Programs  
jemorales@cc-az.org  
(602) 997-6105

**International Rescue Committee**  
Aaron Rippenkroeger, Interim Executive Director  
Aaron.Rippenkroeger@rescue.org  
(602) 433-2440

**Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest**  
Dragan Subotic, Director  
dsubotic@lss-sw.org  
(602) 248-4400

**Pima County**

**Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona**  
Anna Burke  
annab@ccs-soaz.org  
(520) 670-0814

**International Rescue Committee**  
Senada Kadich, Executive Director  
Senada.Kadich@rescue.org  
(520) 319-2128

**Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest**  
Lorel Donaghey, Director  
LDonaghey@lss-sw.org  
(520) 721-4444

**Refugee School Impact Program**

The Refugee School Impact (RSI) Program addresses the educational needs of refugee children in Arizona public schools through non-threatening, linguistically accessible, and culturally appropriate services that enable refugee children to culturally adjust and to meet or exceed Arizona’s state academic standards.

**Maricopa County: International Rescue Committee**  
Aaron Rippenkroeger, Interim Executive Director  
Aaron.Rippenkroeger@rescue.org  
602) 433-2440
- **Pima County: Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest**  
  Lorel Donaghey, Director  
  LDonaghey@lss-sw.org  
  (520) 721-4444  

  **Services to Older Refugees**  

  Educational and case management services and socio-cultural opportunities for elder refugees, including assistance with acquiring U.S. Citizenship. (“Elder” is defined as age 60 years of age and older). Services to Older Refugees may be provided past five years of arrival or grant of qualifying status to assist with United States naturalization.

- **Maricopa County: Area Agency on Aging, Region One**  
  Jolie Mbonyingabo, Mosaic Elder Refugee Program Director  
  Jolie.mbonyingabo@aaaphx.org  
  (602) 264-4357

- **Pima County: Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona**  
  Anna Burke  
  annab@ccs-soaz.org  
  (520) 670-0814

  **Program Development**  

  A program focused on new approaches to service delivery through centralized services geared towards promoting refugees’ longer-term integration into community resources and community life. Services include a range of linguistically appropriate and culturally responsive allowable activities meant to progressively develop community support systems, connect refugees with expanded mainstream resources, create new culturally-informed services, and support refugees’ capacity to network with and integrate into their communities.

- **Maricopa County: Somali American United Council**  
  Dr. Mohamed Abukar  
  m.abukar@cox.net  
  (602) 522 2100

- **Pima County: Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest**  
  Lorel Donaghey, Director  
  LDonaghey@lss-sw.org  
  (520) 721-4444
AmeriCorps VISTA Project

The Arizona Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP) works in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service to support non-profit agencies in Central and Southern Arizona with designing and developing sustainable projects that promote and enhance effective refugee resettlement and integration. The projects range in scope from employment readiness and prevention programs to naturalization preparation.