

Updates from ORIA: RSIP Grant Orientation

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Federal Policy Updates & Refugee Arrivals Data

Federal Changes Affecting U.S. Refugee Admissions Program

Jan. 2025:

Indefinite pause on refugee arrivals.

Executive Order 14163: Realigning the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program

U.S. Department of State issues a Stop Work Order

Executive Order 14169: Reevaluating and Realigning U.S. Foreign Aid

Feb.2025:

Resettlement of Afrikaners

EO 14204: Addressing Egregious Actions of Republic of South Africa

U.S. Refugee Admissions Program for South Africans

Oct. 2025:

Presidential Determination Released by White House at 7,500 refugees

Transferring the U.S. Programof Initial Refugee Resettlement from PRM to ORR

Nov.2025:

USCIS Memo calling for review of all refugees.

USCIS stopped processing all green card applications for refugees.

Dec.2025:

Pause in Afghan visas, including SIVs

USCIS halted all asylum decisions.

Jan. 2026:

USCIS launches Operation PARRIS – Post-Admission Refugee Reverification and Integrity Strengthening - in Minnesota.

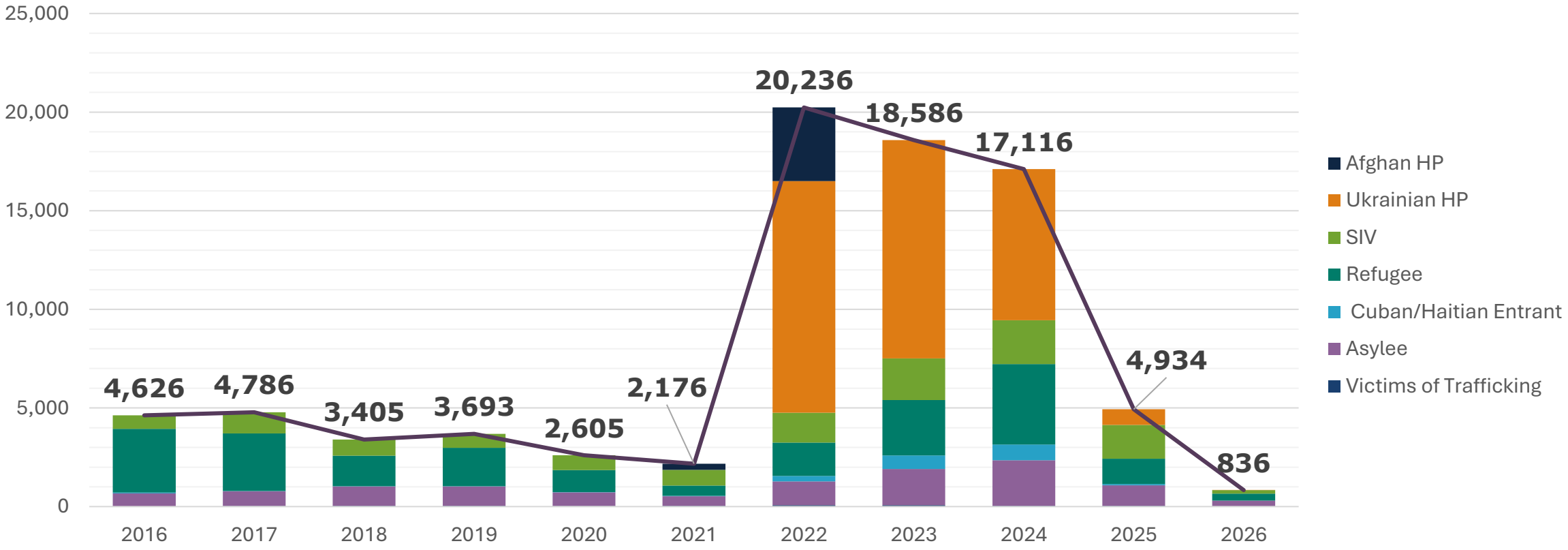
ORR launches Program of Initial Resettlement

Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)

Refugee Stats FY26

- Refugees: 16,287 South Africans, 5 Afghans
  - WA: 480 South Africans
- Amerasians: 30
  - WA: 0
- SIVs: 2,646
  - WA: 169

Refugee and Humanitarian Arrivals Washington State 2016 – 2026 (year-to-date)



Source: Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS), Arrival and Services Data Matching; Retrieved on Aug. 13, 2026.

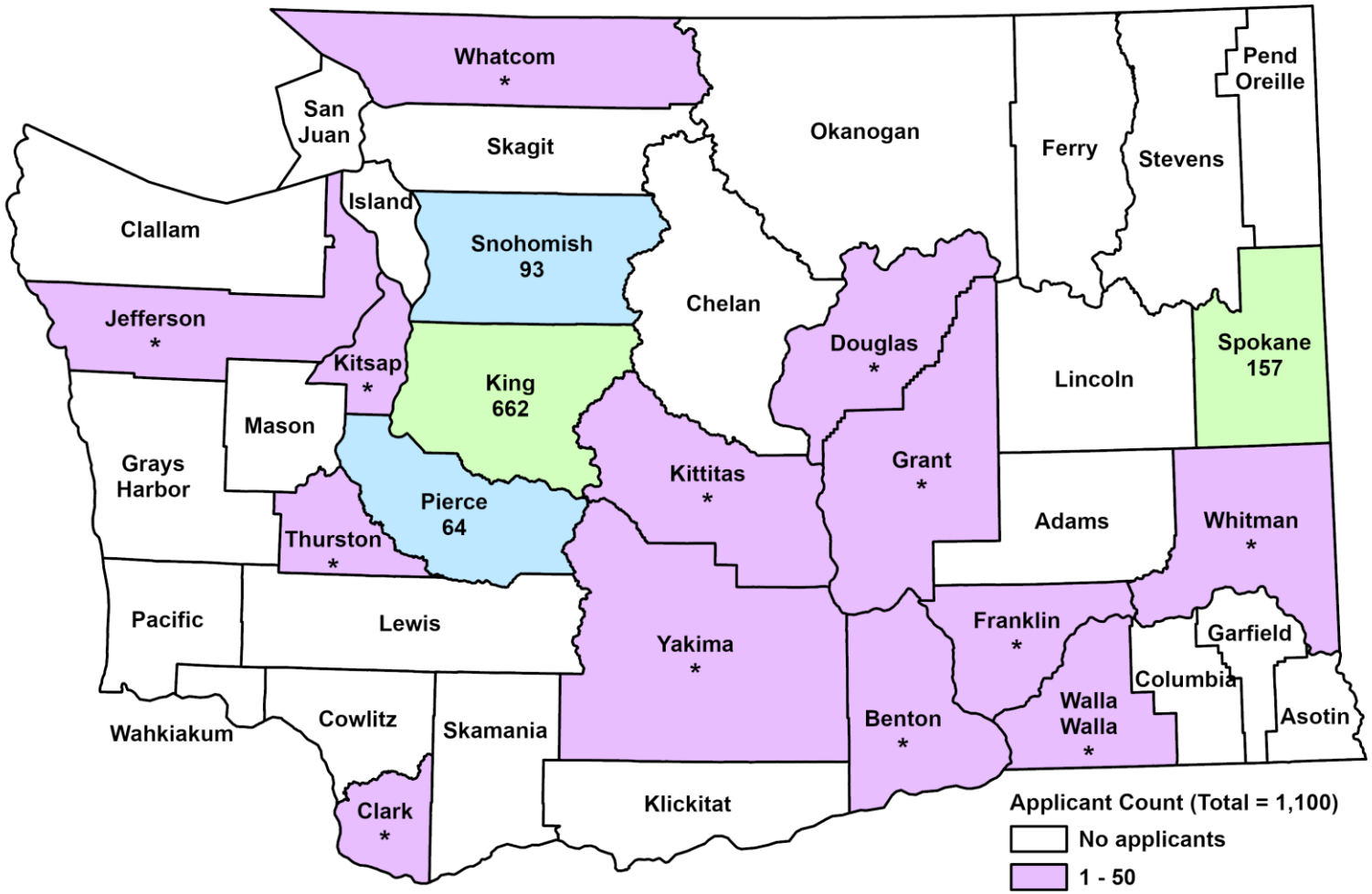
Refugee and Humanitarian Arrivals Washington State FY 2025 - 2026

Immigration Status	FFY 2025	FFY 2026
Asylee	1,039	293
Cuban/Haitian Entrant	69	0
Refugee	1,280	349
Special Immigrant Visas	1,719	180
Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee	790	*
Victims of Trafficking	42	12
Grand Total	**4,934**	**836**

Source: Refugee Arrivals Data System (RADS), Arrival and Services Data Matching; Retrieved on Aug. 13, 2026

DSHS

Newly Arrived Refugee and Humanitarian Immigrant Applicants for DSHS Services by Residential County in Washington State: October 2025 - June 2026



Source: Barcode data

Provided by DSHS/ESA/OAS/EMAPS - July 2026

* When necessary, values less than 50 (but greater than zero) are not displayed in order to help protect client confidentiality. These counties are denoted with an asterisk (*).

Resources

DSHS



Washington Immigrant Information Center

- Three videos about HR 1 Apple Health Changes
- Translated into eight different languages
- Infographic about HR 1 Eligibility Changes
- Future information about Work Requirements

Ask a Question

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Resources – Medicaid Changes

Apple Health (Medicaid) Changes

What to know about the changes that start October 1, 2026

What is Changing?

A new federal law is affecting who can get Apple Health, how often some people renew their coverage, and whether Apple Health can help pay for past medical bills.

October 1, 2026

Many people will lose Apple Health based on their immigration status, including:

Refugees, asylees, and victims of trafficking who do not have green cards

Conditional entrants

Parolees

VAWA self-petitioners

People whose deportation or removal has been withheld



January 1, 2027

More changes begin, including:

6-Month Renewals

Most adults must renew Apple Health for Adults every 6 months.

Work Requirements

Adults enrolled in Apple Health for Adults must complete 80 hours per month of work, job training, or community service, or enroll half-time in an educational program.

Coverage for Past Medical Bills (Retroactive Coverage)

Apple Health for Adults can cover bills from up to 1 month before you apply for coverage. Other Apple Health programs can cover bills from up to 2 months before you apply for coverage.

Who will still qualify for Apple Health?

U.S. citizens and nationals

Cuban-Haitian entrants

Citizens of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau

Green card holders who have had their green cards for 5+ years

Green card holders who immediately qualify for Apple Health:

- Refugees and asylees
- Victims of trafficking
- Amerasians and Cuban-Haitian entrants
- Afghans and Iraqis granted certain Special Immigrant statuses
- Some veterans, military members, and their families

Regardless of immigration status, children, pregnant people, and people who have given birth within the last 12 months will still qualify for Apple Health.

How can I still receive care?

Explore other insurance options through Washington Healthplanfinder.

Ask about health insurance available through your job.

Visit a local community health center (see map here).

Ask a Healthcare Navigator if you qualify for another Apple Health program.

What should I do now?

- Update your contact information with Apple Health.
- Update Apple Health about changes to your immigration or pregnancy status.
- Update Apple Health if you receive emergency medical services, cancer treatment, anti-rejection medication, or dialysis.
- Read all Apple Health letters and respond quickly when needed.
- Call the Washington Immigrant Information Center with any questions.

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Apple Health Changes FAQ

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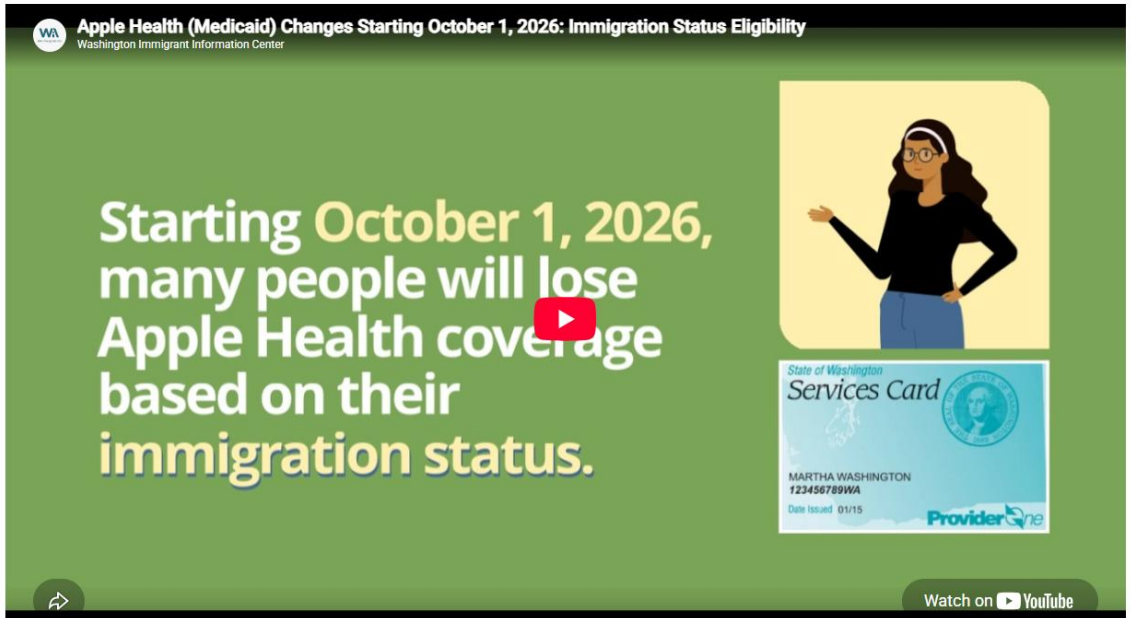
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Apple Health Changes FAQ

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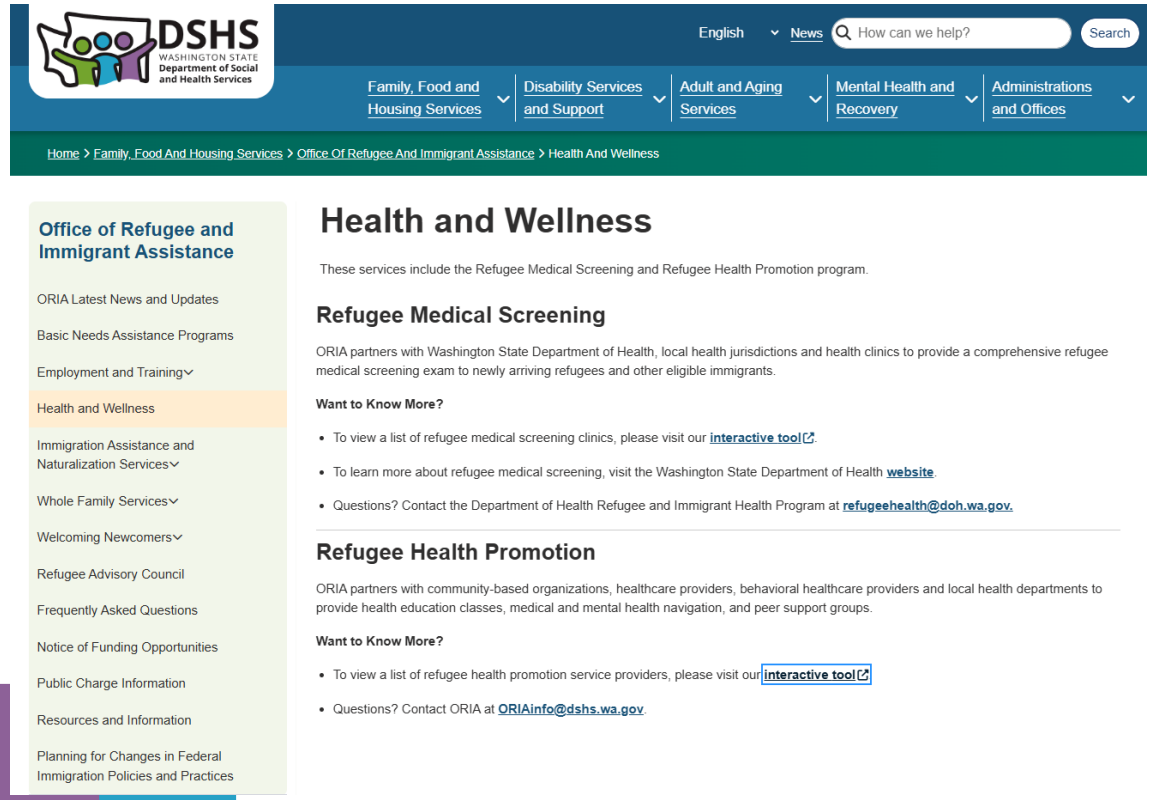
Additional Medicaid Informational Resources

- Changes to Apple Health: How Will This Impact Me?
- Changes to Apple Health: What Healthcare Options Are Available?
- Apple Health Changes for Refugees and Immigrants

Video Playlists

- English
- Spanish
- French
- Ukrainian
- Russian
- Chinese
- Vietnamese
- Korean

ORIA Refugee Health Promotion Program



- Services include:
  - Medical and mental health navigation
  - Applying for charity care
  - Linking to federally qualified health centers

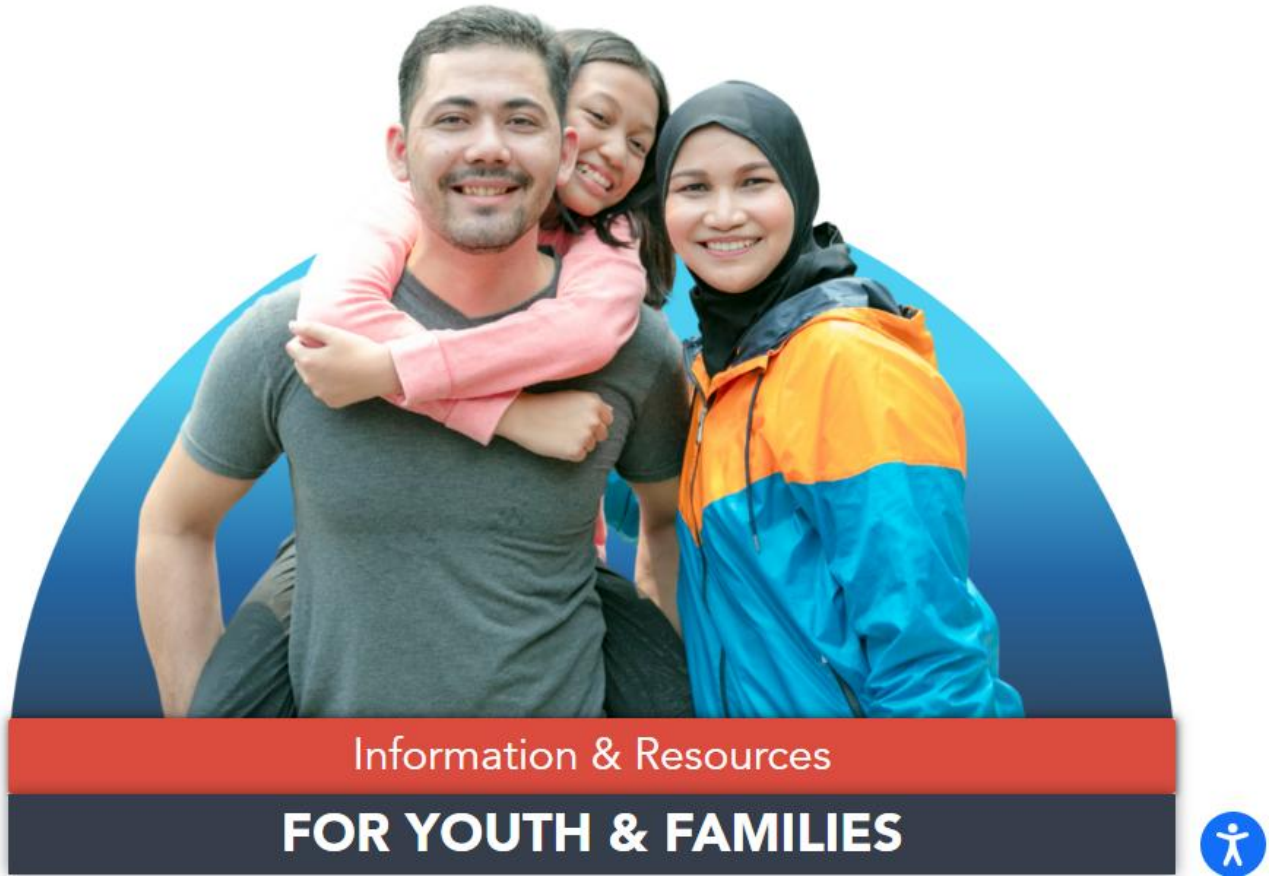
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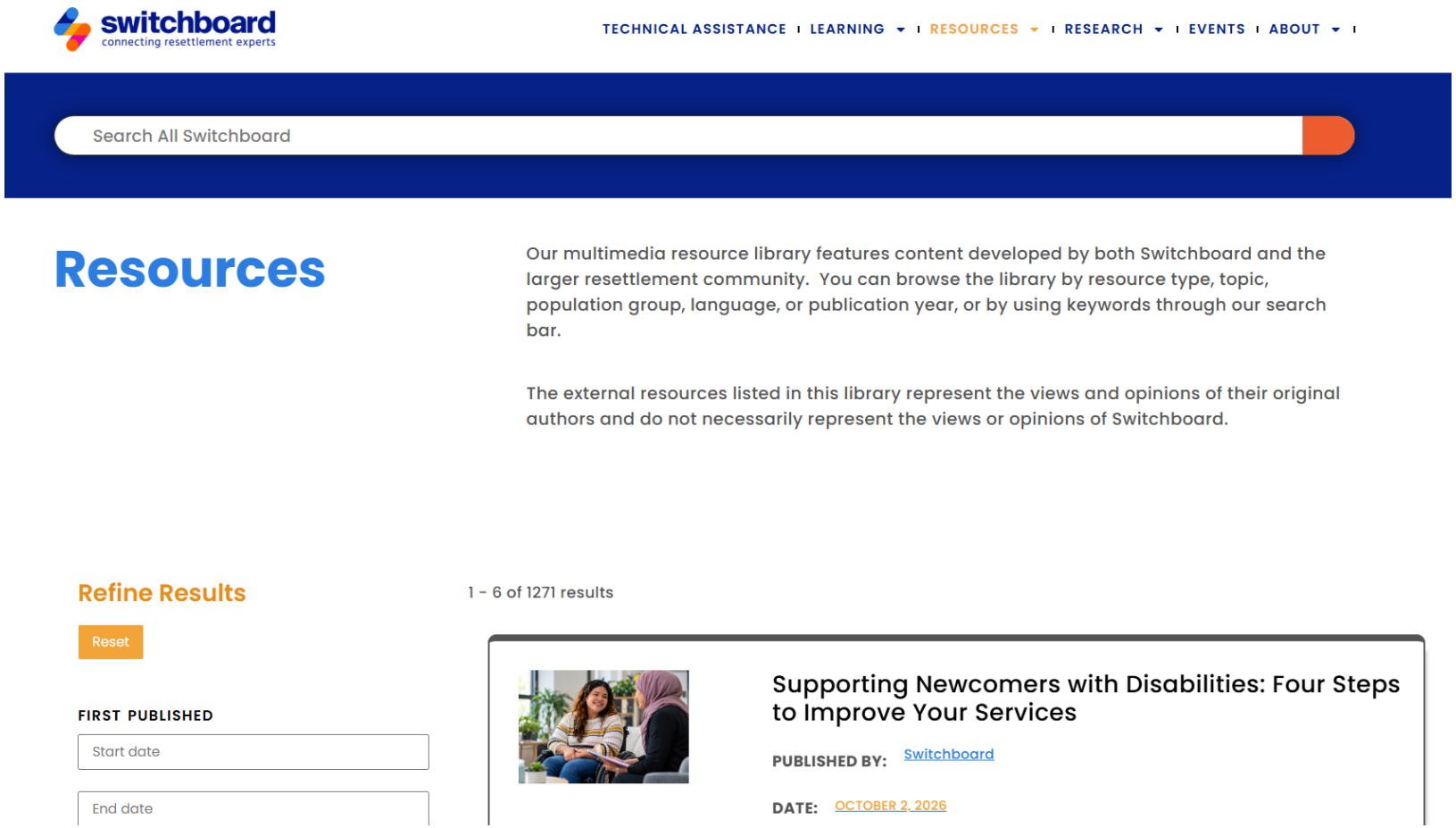
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REFUGEE YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER

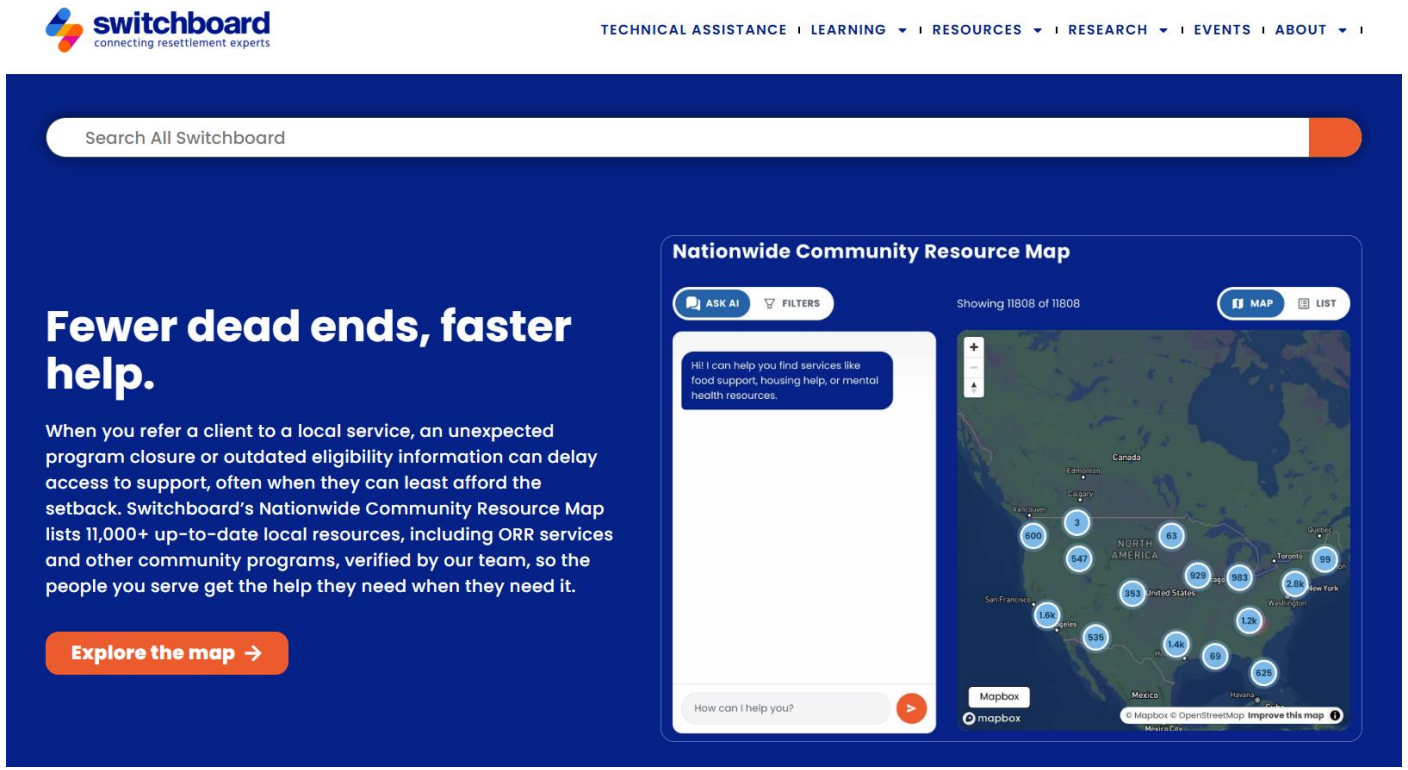
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Switchboard Resource Map



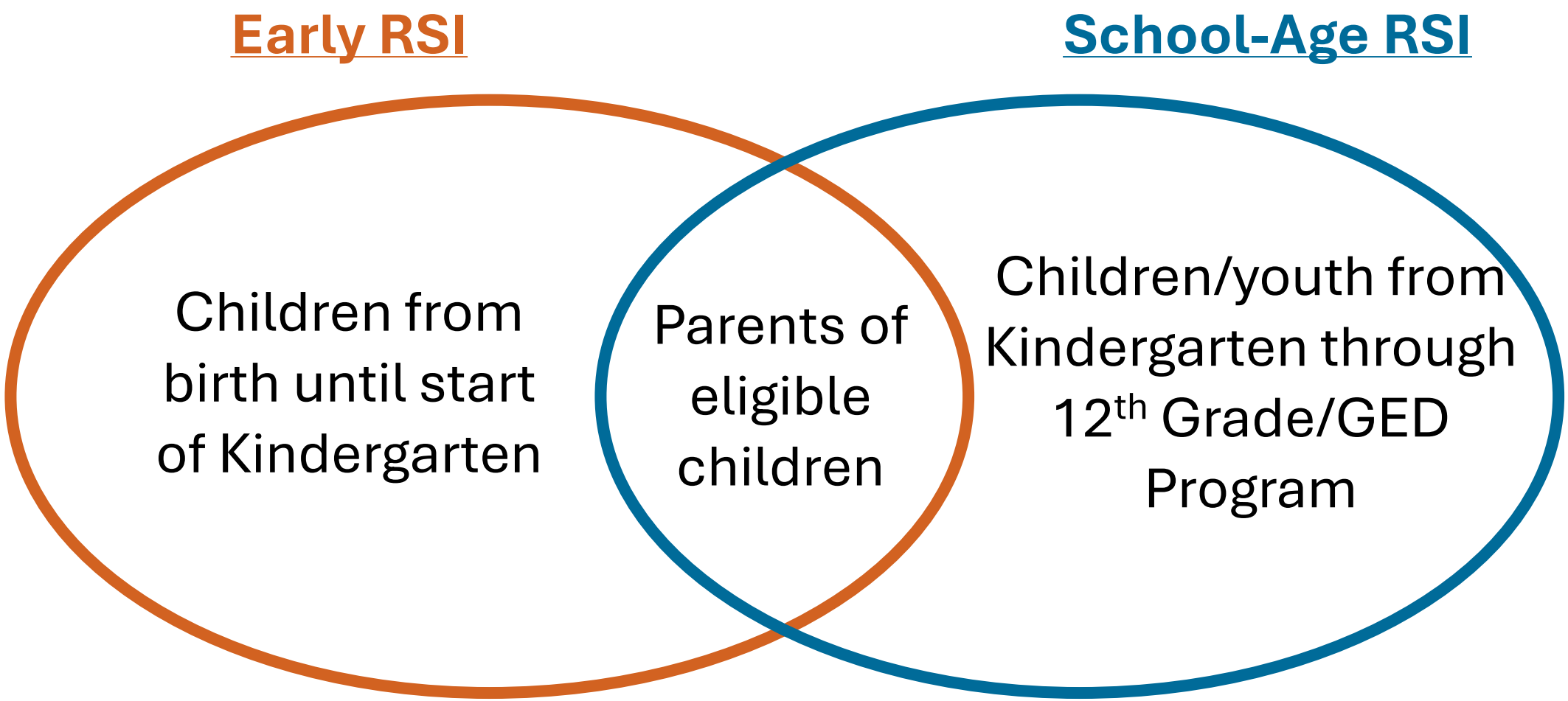
Refugee School Impact (RSI) Program Overview

ORR Policy Letter: RSI Goals & Implementation

- **Program:** "activities that lead to the effective integration and education of eligible children and youth."
- **Goals:** "The RSI's program goals are to ***promote academic performance and successful integration of ORR eligible children and youth*** ages 5 (or the age at which they enter school) until the age of 18 through facilitating education access, and increasing school districts' capacity to support children, youth and families." *(emphasis added)*

From PL 22-07

Refugee School Impact (RSI) Eligibility



RSI Co-Enrollment Q/A

Question	Answer
Can an Early RSI child also be enrolled in School-Age RSI?	No.
Can an Early RSI parent also be enrolled in School-Age RSI?	Yes! If they have children eligible for both programs.
Can RSI clients enroll in more than 1 RSI program?	Yes! As long as services are different.
Can RSI clients enroll in RYMP?	Yes! As long as services are different.

RSI Co-Enrollment Examples

Example Client	Program	Service(s)	Are Services Distinct?	Allowable?
Margaret	RSI – Agency A	Tutoring	Yes	Yes
Margaret	RSI – Agency B	Mentoring		

Example Client	Program	Service(s)	Are Services Distinct?	Allowable?
Yuliia	RSI – Agency B	Math tutoring	No	No
Yuliia	RSI – Agency C	Math tutoring		

Example Client	Program	Service(s)	Are Services Distinct?	Allowable?
Ahmed	RYMP – Agency A	Mentoring, FAFSA Application Support	Some Distinct: Mentoring (RYMP); School orientation (RSI) Same: FAFSA Application Support	Some Yes: Mentoring (RYMP); School orientation (RSI) No: FAFSA Application Support
Ahmed	RSI – Agency A	School orientation, FAFSA Application Support		

RSI Eligible Statuses

- Refugee
- Amerasian
- Asylee
- Cuban and Haitian Entrant
- Afghan and Iraqi Special Immigrant
- Certain Afghan Humanitarian Parolees
- Certain Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees
- Victims of Human Trafficking

RSI Length of Program Eligibility

Maximum eligibility for everyone is 5 years

Must MAINTAIN an eligible status

ORIA Reminders and Updates

DSHS Background Checks

This year, ORIA requires provider staff/volunteers who may be alone with minors or vulnerable adults to undergo DSHS Background Checks.

More information will be sent out on the process soon.

Until that information is received, providers must continue their internal background check processes/procedures followed in previous years.

Alien Numbers – Updated ORR Requirements

MUST be collected for all new FY27 clients before enrollment

Copy of documentation showing alien number must be kept on file

If a client does not have an alien number, contact SOWA

ORIA Immigration Eligibility Declaration form will NOT be implemented in FY27

Mandatory Reporting

All ORIA providers are mandatory reporters

Providers are responsible for understanding (and training staff on) their legal responsibilities and how to report when necessary

Planning Ahead: FY28 and Beyond

What We Know	What We Don't Know
ORIA federal funding expected to significantly decrease in FY28 (which starts 10/1/27).	Exactly how much funding ORIA will receive.
ORR expects states to prioritize employment programming. This does not exclude other types of programming from receiving funding.	What programs will continue and at what funding amount.
ORIA will continue working with providers across the state to fund refugee & immigrant services.	What programs will continue and at what funding amount.
Refugee School Impact Program will close at the end of FY27.	Whether child/youth programming will continue in FY28 and what that may look like.
ORIA will be seeking community input (including your organization's) to determine funding priorities moving forward. We need your help deciding how to allocate FY28 funds!	Results of that input & final FY28 decisions.

ORIA **WILL** keep providers informed as we get closer to FY28!

Planning Ahead

- In FY27, we are continuing to provide important and high-quality RSIP services to children and parents.
- We also need to plan for program wind-down.
- This includes:
  - What is the timeline for a winddown by 8/31/27?
    - Client services
    - Reporting
  - How can clients have a smooth transition out of RSIP?
  - What resources do providers and clients need?
  - What support would you need from SOWA/ORIA to wind down RSIP?

THANK YOU!

For your work supporting Children

Parents

Educators

And Helping Make Washington a Welcoming Place!

We are starting a full year of important work ahead

Here’s to a great Fiscal Year 2027!




Questions?

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Thank you!

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