

The Cultural Orientation Resource Center at the Center for Applied Linguistics

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The **Cultural Orientation Resource (COR) Center** at the Center for Applied Linguistics provides technical assistance for the Department of State/Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM) and the Department of Health and Human Services/Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR).

The COR Center is funded by PRM to:

- Research, develop and disseminate **resources** about refugee training and resettlement;
- Provide **technical assistance** to refugee service providers regarding refugees' cultures, languages and orientation needs; and
- Develop a globally linked **network** to exchange refugee orientation information, concerns, and best practices.

The COR Center is funded by ORR to conduct activities on enhanced and extended orientation for refugees and other ORR-eligible clients outside the Reception and Placement program, as well as on the characteristics, resettlement, and integration of these groups.

For answers to Frequently Asked Questions, see <http://www.cal.org/co/about/FAQ.doc>. See the other side of this flyer for information on materials available on the COR Center Web site (www.culturalorientation.net), or call **202-362-0700** or email COR@cal.org for assistance.

Resource packages: Refugee Seniors and Refugees from Iraq

The COR Center has developed two on-line resource packages highlighting a variety of COR Center resources designed to assist in the orientation and resettlement of refugee seniors and of refugees from Iraq. These packages include relevant digests, background information, profiles of domestic and overseas programs serving these groups, CO lesson plans, and so forth. See "Top Resources" at www.culturalorientation.net.

The Refugee Discussion electronic discussion group

The purpose of Refugee Discussion is to exchange ideas, promising practices, and information regarding cultural/community orientation for PRM and ORR client groups, such as refugees, asylees, and entrants. Membership is limited to Resettlement Support Center staff, overseas CO providers, staff of not-for-profit agencies providing direct services to appropriate clients in the U.S., and relevant federal, State, and local government officials. Recent email digests (usually three to five per month) included updates from overseas CO programs, information on ESL and job interviews in the U.S., resources on citizenship, notices of online trainings, and updates regarding new materials on the COR Center website. To join, go to http://www.cal.org/co/forms/Refugee_Discussion.php

Coming Soon: Online Videos of Interviews with Resettled Refugees

The Cultural Orientation Resource Center Web site
www.culturalorientation.net



Cultural Orientation Programs & Resources

Overseas

- [The Process](#)
- [Program Profiles](#)
- [Overseas Service Provider Toolkit](#)
- [CO Program Highlight](#)

Top Resources and New Features are announced in this column.

Learn about various overseas CO programs, and access their lesson plans or highlights.

View or print samples of overseas CO lesson plans, indexed by topic and by program.

Read about highlighted CO programs or view slideshows of refugee living conditions and CO classes in various locations.

US Resettlement

- [The Process](#)
- [Domestic Service Provider Toolkit](#)

View or print CO resources for domestic programs, such as a digest on *Training for Non-Trainers: Tips and Tools*, housekeeping orientation materials, a classroom simulation exercise, a PowerPoint presentation on the basics of financial management, a lesson plan on the role of volunteers, and various tools for CO trainers.

Lesson Plans and Tools

US Refugee Program

- [Statistics](#)

Description of and access to the overseas and domestic toolkits.

Refugee arrivals (by region and country) in the current fiscal year, and access to an archive of previous years.

About COR Center

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Learn about the Cultural Orientation Resource Center.

Overviews of incoming refugee populations, written to help U.S. resettlement workers prepare for their arrival and resettlement needs, available for free download (or for ordering in hard copy elsewhere on the site).

Our Publications

- [Refugee Backgrounders](#)
- [Culture Profiles](#)
- [Welcome to the US](#)
- [Refugee Orientation DVD/Video](#)
- [Refugee Families and Refugee Youth DVDs](#)
- [Phrasebooks](#)

Culture profiles are available for free download here (or for ordering in hard copy elsewhere on the site).

The *Welcome* series forms the foundation of all CO provided overseas. Each refugee family receives this book before their departure. The *Welcome book* is available for free download in twelve different languages and for ordering in hard copy in sixteen languages. Videos are also available.

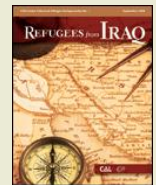
Read about the COR Center's two videos designed for refugee families and refugee youth, and access ordering information.

Online refugee-specific phrasebooks (rather than dictionaries) are available in a variety of languages.

[Refugees Up Close](#)

Featured Publications

Look here for the COR Center's newest, or most frequently accessed, publications.



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Refugee Arrivals Statistics

Find fiscal year statistics for refugee admissions to the U.S., by region and country.

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