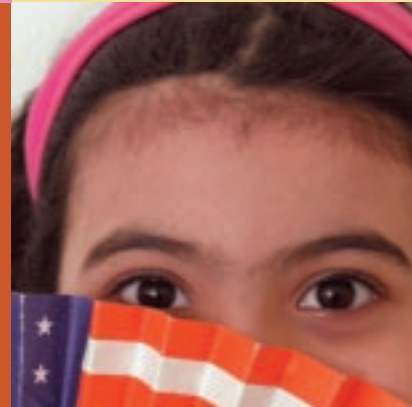


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Cultural Orientation Resource Center

*Providing resources for refugees
and refugee service providers*



About the COR Center

Every year, thousands of refugees enter the United States. Increasingly, they come from more countries and more ethnicities than ever before, and meeting their resettlement needs in this context becomes more complex.

Since 1975, the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) has been a leader in refugee education and orientation. While the languages, titles, and media may have changed, the objectives remain the same:

To increase the capacity of overseas and U.S. refugee service providers to orient refugees to their new American communities, and to inform U.S. communities about refugee orientation.

The Culture Orientation Resource (COR) Center at CAL works closely with the U.S. government, international organizations, refugee resettlement agencies in the United States, and their representatives overseas to:

- Develop and distribute resources about refugee training and resettlement;
- Provide technical assistance regarding refugees' native cultures, languages, and orientation needs; and
- Develop a globally linked network of U.S. refugee service providers that exchanges refugee orientation information, concerns, and best practices.

Visit us online

Visit us online to learn more about overseas refugee orientation training and best practices, culture profiles, resettlement programs in the United States, news and resources.

www.culturalorientation.net

Refugee resources

The United States Refugee Program helps thousands of refugees resettle in the United States each year. Refugees are processed overseas by a variety of governmental and non-governmental organizations. As part of this preparation, most refugees receive cultural orientation (CO) training. Similarly, resettlement agencies throughout the United States provide additional orientation to the refugee's new community.

We invite you to visit the COR Web site for more information. The site was established to create linkages between overseas providers of CO and domestic resettlement programs including

- providing trainers overseas with links to information about resettlement in the United States.
- informing resettlement caseworkers on type and length of training provided to refugees overseas.
- providing basic facts about new refugee groups arriving in the U.S.
- offering CO activities for trainers overseas and in the U.S.

Visit our Web site for:

- publications
- curricula
- updates on refugee resettlement
- news and statistics

The Cultural Orientation Project

The Cultural Orientation Project connects refugee service providers overseas and in the United States through the COR Center Web site and the Refugee Discussion Listserve.



Refugee Discussion Listserve

This is a moderated electronic discussion list, providing a means for overseas refugee orientation trainers and U.S. refugee service providers to discuss issues and concerns affecting refugee adjustment. Members discuss a wide range of orientation topics -- from refugee employment to education, U.S. public awareness to child-care options. The issues are timely, relevant, and international.

To become a member of the Refugee Discussion Listserve, email us at cor@cal.org or call 202-362-0700 x521.

Cultural Orientation Workshops

CAL supports the development of orientation programs for refugees newly arrived in the United States. CO services can be customized to meet your needs and include

- Developing refugee orientation materials and curricula
- Preparing service providers to work with refugees
- Cultural Orientation Workshops to enhance staff development in refugee orientation
- Designing, developing, or restructuring refugee orientation programs
- Assessing the impact of refugee orientation programming

Publications

The United States accepts approximately 50,000 refugees each year from diverse regions of the world. The Cultural Orientation Resource Center specializes in the development of materials that help refugee newcomers understand fundamental aspects of life in the United States. Our publications include culture profiles and phrase books designed to build cultural and linguistic understanding between newly-arrived refugees and their American communities. We have provided brief descriptions of some of the publications we offer.

[Visit our online store to browse our complete collection of publications. calstore.cal.org. Refugee Resources.](http://calstore.cal.org)

Welcome to the United States: A Guidebook for Refugees

This resettlement guide is given to all refugees overseas once they have been approved for resettlement to the United States. The



Guidebook is intended to give refugees information about fundamental aspects of life in the United States and includes the following chapters: community services, housing, transportation, employment, education, health, managing your money, rights and responsibilities, and cultural adjustment. Developed in an easy-to-read format (including photos and refugee quotes), the Guidebook is available in Albanian, Amharic, Arabic, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, English, Farsi, French, Russian, Somali, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The English version was revised in 2004 and is also available in DVD and VHS formats. The Guidebook may be also downloaded free from our Web site.

Culture Profiles

Culture Profiles are designed for service providers and individuals assisting newcomers to the United States. They contain a basic introduction to the people, history, and culture of different refugee groups. The first print copy is provided free to resettlement agencies only. Additional copies can be downloaded from our Web site. Printed copies are available for sale through our online store.

Muslim Refugees in the United States: A Guide for Service Providers

Muslim Refugees in the United States: A Guide for Service Providers is a basic introduction to the worldview of Muslim peoples as manifested in their religion and culture. Topics covered include an overview of the fundamental tenets of Islam, necessary conditions for successful resettlement, special considerations when working with Muslim men, women, children, and elderly, as well as a list of resources for both refugees and service providers.

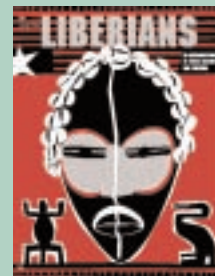


The Hmong: An Introduction to Their History and Culture is a valuable resource for service providers, educators, employers and others interested in learning

more about the Hmong. Based on current research as well as wisdom gained from resettlement of the first groups of Hmong refugees, the profile includes general information about the Hmong people, their history, their lives in Laos and Thailand, literacy and education issues, resettlement matters, and information about Hmong languages, including a list of common words, phrases, and sayings.

Liberians: An Introduction to Their History and Culture

Liberians: An Introduction to Their History and Culture provides general information about the Liberian people and their history. Topics covered include Life in Liberia, Liberian refugees in West Africa, language, and resettlement in the United States as well as recommended reading.



Other culture profiles include:

The Afghans	The Bosnians
The Haitians	The Iraqis
The Iraqi Kurds	The Montagnards
The Somalis	The Somali Bantu

Coming soon: Culture profiles on the Burmese and the Meskhetian Turks.

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Phrase Books

The English phrases contained in our bilingual phrase books have been selected for their directness, brevity and relevance to the needs of newly arrived residents of the United States.

- English-Vietnamese
- English-Chinese (Cantonese)
- English-Farsi
- English-Russian
- English-Polish
- English-Czech
- English-Hungarian
- English-Spanish
- English-Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian
- English-Somali

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