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Denver Refugee Programs ** Please note- according to Title X McKinney Vento, a refugee is not considered homeless**

Lutheran Family Services of Colorado

Refugee Program

Denver Office: 303-980-5400

Email: refugee@lfsco.org

http://www.lfsco.org/programs_refugee.php

Services

Our agency provides services, support, and encouragement to newcomers as they adjust to life in the United States. In many cases, LFS works together with a co-sponsoring congregation or community organization to provide basic services. Refugees and asylees may be eligible for the following services at no cost:

Case Management

Social Services Enrollment

Health/Mental Health Services

Housing Referrals

Household Items and Clothing

Employment Services

Job Placement

Job Coaching

Cash Assistance

English Language Training

Pre-Employment Training

Community programs include:

Financial literacy courses

Job clubs for adults and youth

Specialized youth and senior programs, including sports programs, after-school mentoring programs, and cultural orientation

Parenting support classes

Community development partnerships with local ethnic communities

Ecumenical Refugee Services Inc (ERIS)

www.ersden.org

1600 Downing St. -- Suite 400

Denver, CO 80218

(303)860-0128

How does ERIS make resources available to refugees/asylees?

Each refugee/asylee individual or family is assigned an ERIS Case Worker who has primary responsibility for the refugee and family. The Case Worker, or "sponsor", is the most important source of information and assistance during the first months of adjustment to life in the US. An agency representative meets refugees at the airport, arranges for housing, and prepares a resettlement plan that includes initial contact with governmental services and employment agencies. Their sponsor helps them get acclimated, helps them obtain a Social Security number, and introduces them to employment and Social Service agents

COLORADO REFUGEE SERVICES PROGRAM (CRSP)

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http://stateboard.cdhs.state.co.us/oss/Refugee/refugee_services_program.htm

Employment

Case Management

Supportive Social Services

Transitional Cash Assistance

Medical Assistance

Education and Training

Community Education

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