

ENGAGING REFUGEES TO PROMOTE RESETTLEMENT

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Why would anyone want to involve former refugees

- ▣ They are volunteers or Ethic Based Organizations (EBO) that understand the cultures of new arrivals
- ▣ Ambassadors to local communities in which new arrivals will live
- ▣ Serve as navigators of refugee assistance
- ▣ Suggest programs that may help future refugees based on their own experiences

Where do they fit in the Resettlement process

- ▣ Pre- Arrival
 - Cultural Orientation
- ▣ Post Arrival
 - Social Support
 - Job Hunt
 - Acculturation Process
 - Other

Steps to Getting Refugees Involved

- ▣ Identify Refugee Organizations in PA
- ▣ Identify former refugees that are enrolled at various institutions of learning to serve as Youth Ambassadors
- ▣ Engage Refugee Cultural Entertainment Groups
- ▣ Hold periodic consultative meetings with Refugee Organizations and Provide them training

Benefits to New Arrivals and Resettlement Agencies

- ▣ Reassurance
- ▣ Seamless integration and break of cultural barrier
- ▣ Serve as advocate Groups that can represent the voice of the refugees during policy formulation

Questions

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- ▣ Thanks for Listening