Achieving Health Equity and Social Justice for Newly Arrived Immigrants in Arizona and Beyond

AAMC Health Equity Research & Policy Community Engagement Toolkit Launch
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Thank You to Our Community Partners

- Arizona State University
- Valley Wise Health
- St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center
- Catholic Charities
- International Rescue Committee
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The Significance of Status

IMMIGRANTS

Non-Immigrant Visas
- Work Visa
- Student Visa
- Tourist Visa
- Family Re-Unification
- Iraqi/Afghan SIV

Immigrants
- Refugees
- Asylees
- Cuban/Haitian Entrants

Permanent Resident
- Naturalized U.S. Citizen

Undocumented Immigrants
- Immigrants entering U.S. without official documents
- Immigrants who entered legally, whose documents expire

Adjustment to lawful status
- Apply for Asylum
- Deportation
- Return to Country of Origin

TRAFFICKING VICTIMS

Trafficking Victims may come from any category: They may have legal documentation, no documents, or false documents

Deferred Action (Dreamers)
- T-Visa
- U-Visa

T-Visa
- Immigration relief for victims of human trafficking and are willing to testify

U-Visa
- Immigration relief for victims of certain crimes and are willing to testify

VAWA (Violence Against Women Act)
- Immigration Relief for DV Victims

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Who is a Refugee?

- 1. Must cross an **international border**
- 2. **Cannot return** to country of origin
- 3. Unable to return to country of origin due to **fear of persecution** because of…
  - *race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion*

How are asylum seekers different?
83,000+ refugees, asylees, entrants, Amerasians and VOT served in Arizona. (2.3% of U.S. total, 3.5 million)

Most Since 1975: Iraq, Vietnam, Cuba, Somalia, Bosnia
Last 5 years: DRC, Cuba, Iraq, Somalia, Syria
Country of Origin: Refugees, Asylees, Entrants, Ameriasians and VOT served in Arizona since 1975

- Sudan
- Afghanistan
- Bhutan
- Burma
- DRC
- Bosnia
- Somalia
- Cuba
- Vietnam
- Iraq
Country of Origin: Refugees, Asylees, Entrants, Amerasians, and VOT served in Arizona in the last 5 years

- Burundi
- Myanmar
- Eritrea
- Burma
- Afghanistan
- Syria
- Somalia
- Iraq
- Cuba
- DRC
Health Needs

Physiological
Psychological
Barriers to Healthcare

- Poverty
- Language services
- Transportation
- Health System Navigation
- Family Tension
- Child Care
- Cultural/religious differences
- Lack of trust
- Previous healthcare experiences
- Depression, anxiety, and PTSD
- Fear of Public Charge
Immigration Policies and Health Outcomes

- Public Charge
  55,000 people who qualify for AHCCCS dropped out of the program last year (mainly Hispanic)
- Remain in Mexico
- Detained children at all time high in U.S. in last 12 months
  Coordination with ICE and faith-based communities
Video 1
Reflections
Video 2
Open Discussion
THANK YOU for joining us!

• To view the entire Achieving Health Equity and Social Justice for Newly Arrived Immigrants toolkit, including additional resources and information, please visit aamc.org/cetoolkits

• Contact us at healthequityresearch@aamc.org
What is AAMC CHARGE?
AAMC CHARGE is a forum for investigators, clinicians, and community partners who design and implement research that eliminates health and health care inequities.

What does AAMC CHARGE do?
AAMC CHARGE participants from medical schools, teaching hospitals, and their multisector partners:
- Apply for grants.
- Develop and publish commentaries.
- Conduct systematic reviews.
- Advocate through comment letters.
- Disseminate resources.

How can I get involved?
Email healthequityresearch@aamc.org to join AAMC CHARGE today!