**Policy Research and Analysis on Refugee Self-Sufficiency and Integration**

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**Purpose:** Garner expertise to improve the Annual Survey of Refugees (ASR) redesign effort and to increase the evidence base to strengthen policy and programs on refugee resettlement.[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Attendees**

**Outside Experts**

* **Rami Arafah,** Harder+Company
* **Dina Birman,** University of Miami\*
* **Sanja Bebic,** Center for Applied Linguistics
* **Randy Capps,** Migration Policy Institute (MPI)\*
* **Jennifer Cochran,** Massachusetts Department of Public Health
* **Phillip Connor,** Pew Research Center\*
* **Sam Elkin,** MEF Associates
* **Jeremy Ferwerda,** Dartmouth College and Stanford Immigration Policy Lab\*
* **Abigail Fisher Williamson,** Trinity College\*
* **David Kallick,** Fiscal Policy Institute (FPI)
* **Devin Keithley,** Researcher on Central Ohio Refugee Report\*
* **Robin Koralek,** Abt Associates
* **Duncan Lawrence,** Stanford Immigration Policy Lab
* **Ngoan Le,** Illinois State Refugee Coordinator
* **Lyn Morland,** McGill University\*
* **Rachel Peric,** Welcoming America\*
* **Galya Ruffer,** Northwestern University, Center for Forced Migration Studies\*
* **Aryah Somers Landsberger,** Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR)
* **Paul Stein,** Independent Consultant and Former Colorado State Refugee Coordinator\*
* **Larry Yungk,** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

**VOLAGs**

* **Erol Kekic,** Church World Service (CWS)
* **Rebecca Demissie Hailemes**, Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC)
* **Tsehaya Teferra**, ECDC
* **Mike Mitchell**, HIAS
* **Melanie Nezer**, HIAS
* **Margaret Gibbon,** International Rescue Committee (IRC)\*
* **Graeme Rodgers,** IRC\*
* **Sandra Vines,** IRC
* **Kay Bellor,** Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS)

**Federal Staff**

* **Amanda Barlow,** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/ Administration for Children and Families (ACF)\*
* **Stephanie Acker Housman,** HHS/Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE)
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* **Sofi Martinez,** HHS/ASPE
* **Erica Meade,** HHS/ASPE
* **Nicole Deterding,** HHS/Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE)
* **Tiffany McCormack,** HHS/OPRE
* **Erica Zielewski,** HHS/OPRE
* **Anastasia Brown,** HHS/Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)
* **Sarah Dunning,** HHS/ORR
* **Lauren Edwards,** HHS/ORR
* **Curi Kim,** HHS/ORR
* **Faith Ray,** HHS/ORR
* **Carl Rubenstein,** HHS/ORR
* **Jenn Schmalz,** HHS/ORR
* **Ken Tota,** HHS/ORR\*
* **Michael Jones,** DHS/United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
* **Larry Bartlett,** U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM)
* **Barbara Day,** U.S. Department of State, PRM
* **Carrie Santos,** U.S. Department of State, PRM

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The main purpose of the Roundtable was to gather input for redesigning the ASR. There were several areas of focus, including: feedback on critical topics to consider and key integration dynamics during initial resettlement period; strategies to improve measurement of integration beyond the first 5 years; appropriate comparison groups; and other data and research strategies that can effectively use or supplement the ASR and administrative data.

Roundtable participants discussed and debated various aspects of refugee self-sufficiency and integration with a focus on those that have a bearing on measurement and research strategies.

1. This is not a Federal Advisory Group; consensus recommendations are neither sought nor required at the end of this convening. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)