

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

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)

¹ This is not a Federal Advisory Group; consensus recommendations are neither sought nor required at the end of this convening.

- **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)
- **Tsehay 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)

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- **Amanda Barlow**, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/ Administration for Children and Families (ACF)*
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- **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.