



## Refugee Assistance – CT State Cash and Medical Assistance Program

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The Connecticut Department of Social Services administers the [Refugee Assistance Program](#) for needy individuals, families and children who are designated as refugees under United States Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations and who are ineligible to receive benefits from any other public assistance program. Benefits, which are the same as TFA benefit levels, are paid for a maximum of eight months beginning with the month of entry into the United States, as long as the household's income and liquid assets remain at or under the income/asset limits for TFA. DSS also provides refugees, through contracted agencies with temporary family assistance/cash assistance, medical coverage and food stamp assistance under those public assistance programs since refugees qualify as legal non-citizens.

Please note that refugees are exempt from the newly revised public charge rule. Link here for more information, to the 2-1-1 "Immigration and Revised Public Charge Rule" eLibrary paper: <https://uwc.211ct.org/immigration-and-revised-public-charge-rule/>

For more information, call your local DSS office. To find local DSS offices in CONNECTICUT'S COMMUNITY RESOURCES DATABASE:

Search by service name: [Refugee/Entrant Cash Assistance.](#)

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