



## **CWS** | Afghan Placement & Assistance Program

### WELCOMING NEWLY-ARRIVING AFGHANS

Following the evacuation of thousands of people after the fall of Afghanistan, the U.S. State Department put the Afghan Placement and Assistance Program into motion to provide services to Afghans arriving in the United States. The program will run through September 30, 2022 and will be the way that most evacuated Afghans will be welcomed into the United States. Through the APA, Afghans will be resettled with existing refugee resettlement agencies, including CWS, who can connect them to various means of support for a 30 to 90-day service period. They will also receive temporary legal status and work authorization.

CWS will provide basic core services to arriving Afghans that are similar to the services we provide under the United States Refugee Admissions Program. This includes, but is not limited to, meeting new arrivals at the airport, connecting them to safe and appropriate housing, ensuring that they have supplies like food and seasonal clothing, and connecting them to healthcare and public benefits (as eligible). We will also help parents enroll children in school, offer cultural orientation about the United States and provide limited financial assistance.

We anticipate that more than 65,000 Afghans will be welcomed across the United States through the APA program. CWS is one of the key organizations involved, and we are projected to serve over 6,500 Afghans through 30 affiliate offices in over 20 states. CWS has worked with newly-arriving Afghans for decades and served over 8,300 Afghans since 2009.



The outpouring of support for Afghans reminds us that Americans are committed to welcoming new neighbors. We invite individuals, groups and organizations to partner with us in welcoming Afghans across the United States. You can help by donating, volunteering, advocating and through community sponsorship. Afghan families will need direct support as they arrive in communities, and two of the best ways to help are by [becoming a co-sponsor with a local CWS affiliate](#) or by [becoming an APA Community Partner](#). Check out how [you can get involved](#) and welcome our Afghan allies and friends!