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Lunch and Learn

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for community members

**Welcome Afghans- CWS APA
Community Partner Program**

A photograph of a man in a black jacket carrying a young child on his back. The child is wearing a blue sweater, red pants, and white boots. The man is holding the hand of another child in a blue sweater. They are walking through a crowd of people, including a woman in a blue headscarf and a child in a blue headscarf. The background is blurred, showing more people and buildings.

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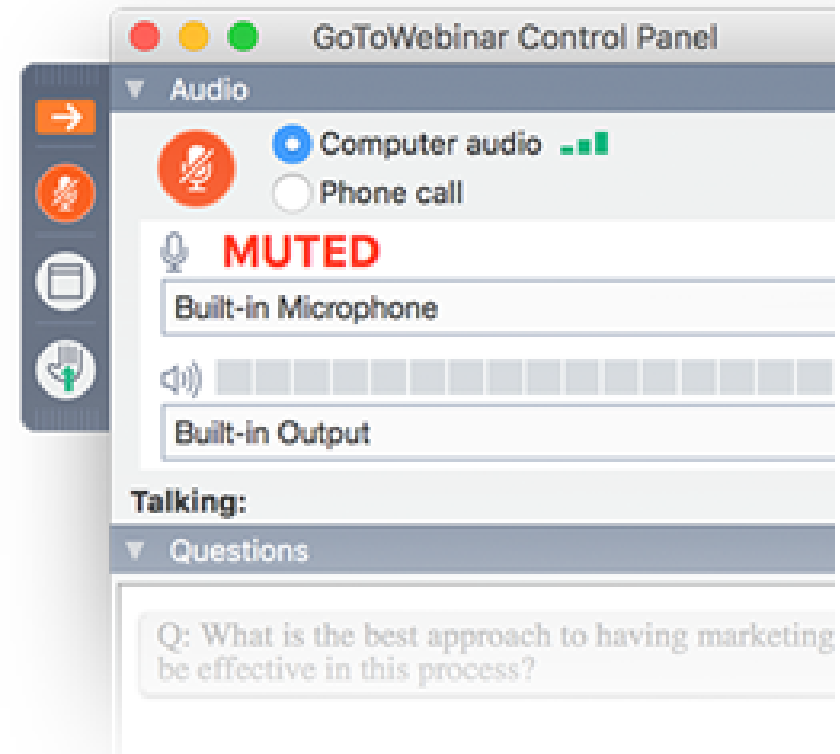
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Raise Your Hand



Ask Questions



Presenters

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Learning Objectives

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- Understand what the Afghan Placement and Assistance Program (APA) is and what services eligible Afghan's receive
- Understand what a CWS APA Community Partner is and the role that both CWS and Community Partners have in the program
- Understand the requirements to serve as a CWS APA Community Partner
- Understand what your group's next steps are if you would like to apply to be a CWS APA Community Partner



Afghan Placement and Assistance Program

The program provides limited financial assistance as well as basic Core Services:

- Airport Reception
- Safe Housing
- Adequate Food Supplies
- Seasonal Clothing
- School Enrollment
- Cultural Orientation
- Legal Services, as available
- Assistance Enrolling in English Language Training
- Assistance Enrolling in Public Benefits, as eligible
- Assistance accessing healthcare services, as eligible

APA Community Partners

- APA Community Partners are a group who has accepted a written agreement with a national resettlement agency (CWS) to provide welcome and APA program services to Afghan arrivals.
- Community Partners can be located anywhere in the U.S.
 - Outside of the 100-mile radius of a local resettlement agency.
 - If we consult with your local resettlement agency and they are unable to partner with you



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Role of APA Community Partners

Community sponsors will assume full responsibility for implementing APA program services and meeting the material needs of Afghan arrivals for the first 30-90 days after arrival, including Reception services

- Decent, safe and sanitary housing
 - Household items and furniture
 - Culturally appropriate, ready-to-eat meal upon arrival
 - Adequate food supplies
 - Seasonally appropriate clothing
 - Home visits
 - School enrollment for children
 - Selective Service registration, as applicable
 - Transportation support
 - Cultural Orientation
 - Assistance enrolling in English Language Training
 - Assistance enrolling in employment services
 - Assistance accessing health services
 - Assistance enrolling in public benefits
 - Limited financial assistance
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Roles of CWS

Each APA Community Partner will be matched with a CWS Community Sponsorship Associate who will:

- Aid the group through self-paced CWS training, onboarding and ongoing weekly coaching.
- Maintain the case file through collection of securely transmitted case documents and logs of case notes shared by the community partner.
- Partner with CP for the case intake and the second home visit.




Requirements

- Must have secured a safe, sanitary, affordable apartment or house
- Must have identified a Dari or Pashto interpreter
- Collect good quality furnishings and household supplies to preserve limited available funding to pay for housing costs
- Recommended but not required that each co-sponsor group raise \$2,000 or 3 months of rent to support the long-term stability of housing for the family
- 10-40 hours per week of support during first weeks
- Weekly coaching sessions with a CWS Community Sponsorship Associate
- Group members must pass background checks as determined by CWS background check standards
- Group must complete CWS' APA Community Partner Training
- All members of the group must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or receive a medical or religious exemption as per CWS' COVID Vaccination Policy
- Group must agree to core CWS policies including Code of Conduct, Anti-Human Trafficking Policy, Child Safeguarding Policy, Policy on Gender Equality, Racial Equity Platform, Accountability to Affected Populations Framework

Next Steps to Become an APA Community Partner

1. Complete the [CWS Community Partner Interests and Readiness Assessment](#) form
2. Complete CWS APA Community Partner Onboarding
 - CWS APA Community Partner Training (Coming Soon!)
 - CWS Background check process
 - Sign MOA with CWS
 - Build a basic service plan with CWS
3. Welcome the family

A group of four children are smiling and posing for a photo in a refugee camp. In the foreground, a girl with dark curly hair and a red and pink shirt is smiling broadly. Next to her is a boy in a white turtleneck. Behind them, another girl with dark curly hair is smiling, and a younger child is being held in front of her. The background shows a vast, flat, sandy area with several large, tan-colored tents and a distant hillside covered in small, simple buildings under a clear blue sky.

Thank you for joining us!

If you have further questions, please don't
hesitate to reach out to us at
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