

WHERE DO I APPLY?

At the Essex County Division of Welfare Military Park Citizen Services Center:

**18 Rector Street
1st floor
Newark, New Jersey 07102**

(973) 733-2468/2440

SHOULD I CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT?

Yes, definitely



**COUNTY OF ESSEX
DEPARTMENT OF CITIZEN SERVICES
DIVISION OF WELFARE**

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**HOW TO OBTAIN HELP
FOR
REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM**

Benefits In Essex County

What is the Refugee Resettlement Program?

The Refugee Resettlement program provides financial assistance, Medicaid, Food Stamps, and other social services to individuals and/or families who have been designated refugees by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) because they fled from and cannot return to their place of national origin due to fear of persecution because of race, religion or political opinion.

When applying for the program, you must have been in the United States for a total of 8 months from the date of entry. In addition, you must be **designated** as:

- ⇒ An Refugee Pursuant to Section 207
- ⇒ An Asylee Pursuant to Section 208
- ⇒ An Cuban or Haitian entrant
- ⇒ An Alien who has had deportation withheld Pursuant to Section 243(h)
- ⇒ An Alien granted parole for at least one year by INS

HOW MUCH INCOME AND RESOURCES CAN I HAVE AND STILL BE ELIGIBLE?

If your total gross monthly income is less than the following amounts, you may be eligible:

MAXIMUM INCOME LEVELS

MONTHLY INCOME	NUMBER IN ELIGIBLE UNIT
\$ 243	1
483	2
636	3
732	4
828	5
924	6
1,015	7
1,092	8
ADD \$75.00 EACH ADDITIONAL	MORE THAN 8 PERSON

The total value of **all** of your **RESOURCES**, such as cash on hand and money in the bank must be **NO MORE THAN \$2,000**.

WHAT DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM?

When applying for the Refugee Resettlement program, you will be asked to provide documents concerning your situation. If you have any of the documents listed below, bring them with you when you come to the office. If you do not have them, the worker will help you obtain the ones you need.

- ⇒ Birth Certificate
- ⇒ Must apply for Social Security Card
- ⇒ Proof of Address
- ⇒ Proof of Income and Resources
- ⇒ Social Security/SSI Award Letter
- ⇒ Referral from a Refugee Resettlement Agency (**MANDATORY**)
- ⇒ Alien Registration Card, Passports, VISA

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES?

- . To help the WFNJ agency obtain information needed to determine your eligibility and amount of benefits.
- . To notify the WFNJ agency when you or any family member moves, gets a job or experiences any change of income, resources or circumstances.

**NOT MEETING ANY OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES
COULD MEAN THAT YOUR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT
PROGRAM BENEFITS WILL BE DENIED, REDUCED OR
STOPPED.**