

Cornell Afghanistan Assistance Resource List

Government Bodies/Institutions:

- <u>UNHCR</u> (United Nations High Committee for Refugees)
 - Link specific to refugees from Afghanistan
 - Contact for refugees who need evacuation
- <u>USBCA</u> (U.S. State Department Bureau of Consular Affairs)
 - Resource describing eligibility and process(es) for special immigrant visas
- <u>U.S. Department of State</u>
 - Repatriation requests for U.S. citizens and their immediate family members
- U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan
 - Evacuation information and updated resettlement data
- <u>USCRI</u> (United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants)
 - Details action plans for Afghanistan refugees seeking resettlement
 - Lists USCRI chapters across the United States
- USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
 - Lists requirements for applying for humanitarian parole
- AILA (American Immigration Lawyers Association)
 - Compiled list of resources from AILA and other organizations to help assist Afghan clients
 - The situation in Afghanistan is constantly changing; information may become outdated. AILA recommends individuals consult with an attorney.
- NAFSA (NAFSA: Association of International Educators)
 - Resource list for Afghan students and scholars

Legal Resources (SIV, P-1, P-2, Humanitarian Parole):

- <u>International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)</u>
 - Focuses on SIV and P-2 programs for refugee resettlement in the Middle East
 - Outline of <u>new P-2 rules</u> and regulations
 - How to get involved
 - List of IRAP chapters (including Cornell Law School)
- Human Rights First
 - Resource page
 - Largely does evacuations for refugees, link provided specific to Afghan refugee operations



- No One Left Behind
 - Organization forwarding hundreds of Afghan visa cases to the State Department
 - Link to contact them with specific cases to start resettlement process
- Afghan Diaspora for Equality & Progress
 - Conducts Humanitarian Parole for refugees
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Resources
 - Works with resettlement agency peers to determine the best city and partner for each case
- Penn State Immigration and Refugee Resource
 - Resource on parole and beyond for certain Afghan nationals developed by the Center for Immigrants' Rights, Pars Equality Center, and Khanbabai Law
- Evacuate Our Allies
 - Resource on evacuations for former and current allies of the United States
 - Advocacy opportunities
- Afghan Evac
 - Links to shareable pdfs on evacuation options
 - Resources on immigration issues, including government materials, a visa
 - wizard, info on Humanitarian Parole and SIV, as well as info on resettlement
- Afghan Resource Project
 - Contact for helping on Humanitarian Parole for Afghan refugees

Other Resources (Volunteer & Donation Based):

- AILA Resources for Afghan Clients
 - Resource list by the American Immigration Lawyers Association for Afghan specific resources
- Refugee Council USA
 - Local resettlement agencies have volunteer opportunities ranging from front desk help support to English language instruction
- Church World Service
 - Nationwide network to support Afghan refugee families with housing, legal assistance, case management, mental health support, medical care, school enrollment and community sponsorship
- Catholic Charities
 - Provides volunteer and donation services to Afghan refugees in need
- International Rescue Committee



- Focuses on aiding people displaced by war, this section specifically with regard to Afghani citizens
- National Immigration Forum
 - To understand the immigration processes involved for Afghans at risk, see different pathways to protection
- Action Against Hunger
 - In pursuit of feeding those seeking refuge in Afghanistan, donation based
- Women for Afghan Women
 - Largest women's organization in Afghanistan
 - Dedicated to helping women whose rights are under attack in Afghanistan

Ithaca and New York area resources:

- Weill Cornell Center for Human Rights (WCCHR)
 - Provides medical forensic evaluations for individuals applying for legal protection in the United States (New York/Tri-State area)
 - Conduct psychological, physical, and gynecological evaluations
 - Email wcchr@med.cornell.edu
- USCRI Albany
 - Closest USCRI chapter to Ithaca, New York
 - Details action items for volunteers in Refugee assistance
- IWR (Ithaca Welcomes Refugees)
 - Organization in Ithaca to help immigrants and refugees in need
- Catholic Charities Immigrant Services Program
 - Helps incoming immigrants and refugees resettling in the Tompkins/Tioga County areas
- American Civic Association in Binghamton
 - Nonprofit organization that helps immigrants and refugees

Resources for Mental Health/Health Care/Social Services in NYC:

- Community Healthcare Network (CHN)
 - Provides free/low-cost medical and mental health counseling at several locations in NYC.
 - Can call 866.246.8259
 - Has a Refugee Health Program



- Arab-American Family Support Center
 - Provides culturally and linguistically competent, trauma-informed, multi-generational social services
 - Healthcare and mental health connections
- The Child HELP Partnership
 - Provides trauma treatment for children and their caregivers
 - Referral form
- The Child Center of NY
 - Provides therapy and support to children and families
 - Multiple locations in the city
- NYC Well
 - Locate available/nearby mental health clinics
 - Call 1 888-NYC-WELL or visit website