Cornell Afghanistan Assistance Resource List

Government Bodies/Institutions:

- UNHCR (United Nations High Committee for Refugees)
  - Link specific to refugees from Afghanistan
  - Contact for refugees who need evacuation
- USBCA (U.S. State Department Bureau of Consular Affairs)
  - Resource describing eligibility and process(es) for special immigrant visas
- U.S. Department of State
  - Repatriation requests for U.S. citizens and their immediate family members
- U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan
  - Evacuation information and updated resettlement data
- USCRI (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  - The situation in Afghanistan is constantly changing; information may become outdated.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):

- International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)
  - Focuses on SIV and P-2 programs for refugee resettlement in the Middle East
  - Outline of new P-2 rules 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