

Item # 38₍₃₎

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Regular Meeting

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SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 10, 2020
TO: Mayor Dale V.C. Holness
Broward County Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Bertha Henry, County Administrator [Signature]
SUBJECT: Overview of Local Refugee Resettlement Data (Item 38, 2/11/2020)

This Memorandum serves to provide information regarding the Refugee Resettlement System of Care that exists in Broward County and includes data of interest as reported by the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF). It is important to note that the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement provides 100% of the funding services, which is allocated locally by the Florida Office of Refugee Services within DCF. Broward County stopped the direct provision of Resettlement services in 2009.

Over the last five years (2015-2019) there have been a total of 6,372 Refugees, Entrants, and Asylees in Broward County. The breakdown by year is as follows:

- 2015 1,262
2016 2,675
2017 1,559
2018 418
2019 452

Data from 2015-2019 for the following counties is provided for benchmarking purposes:

- Orange 6,953
Palm Beach 10,018
Hillsborough 14,049
Miami-Dade 111,414

Of the total number of Refugees residing in Broward County, there were 3,903 that received services from local providers during FY19; the top services provided to the population are adult education, employment and vocational, Department of Health, legal services, Refugee Cash Assistance, and Refugee Medical Assistance. Other services include integration assistance, childcare, interpreter services, youth services, and case management. The following is a list of local providers that serve Refugees in Broward County:

- Broward College Project RENEW
Youth Co-Op Inc.

Church World Service
Catholic Charities Legal Services
Early Learning Coalition

The steps typically followed by Refugees are as follows:

ORIENTATION

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APPLY FOR BENEFITS

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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HEALTH SCREENINGS

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EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT

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REFERRALS

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EMPLOYMENT