TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND CASE MANAGERS

FROM: CHARLES E. HENRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

PROGRAM AFFECTED: REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS

SUMMARY

The Maryland Office for New Americans (MONA) has recently received calls from refugees who were sent to the wrong address to register for refugee employment. The correct refugee employment services contractor addresses are listed below.

As you know, Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) cases containing employable individuals must register for employment services. Registration is required regardless of the date of entry into the U.S. and whether or not the individual has a social security number. The employable refugee or asylee must be referred to the Employment Security Administration (ESA) to register for employment in those jurisdictions where refugee employment services are not available.

Refugees or asylees receiving Non Public Assistance-Medical Assistance (NPA-MA) in any category do not have to register for employment services. Refugees or asylees who receive Non Public Assistance-Food Stamps (NPA-FS) must meet the work registration requirements of that program.

Please note that the contract for refugee employment services can change from year to year. If you want to be certain to make a current referral, call the Maryland Office for New Americans at 410-767-7514, -8970 or -7071.
Local Family Investment staff in Baltimore City, Montgomery County and Prince George’s County must refer all refugees or asylees who meet the employment requirements of the RCA program to the current employment services contractor, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area. Their offices in the three jurisdictions are:

Montgomery Office: Contact Person – Mr. Ibrahim Rasool – (301) 445-9541
Refugee Employment Services
7410 New Hampshire Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Prince George’s Office: Contact Person – Mr. Ariwan Susey – (301) 445-7275
Refugee Employment Services
6313 64th Avenue
Riverdale, MD 20737

Baltimore City Office: Contact Person – Mr. Igor Milosevic – (410) 558-3195
Refugee Employment Services
3516 Eastern Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21224

INQUIRIES

Please direct questions to Rick McClendon at (410) 767-8513.

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