



Refugee Support Services

The County of San Diego's **Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA)** administers refugee employment and support services through contracted providers to help newly arriving refugee families achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Program	Description	Service Provider(s) / Location(s)
CalWORKS Employment Services	CalWorks participants may be eligible for employment services such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Job search assistance and training• Resume and interview skills• Other services depending on eligibility	For Central, East, and South Regions: Public Consulting Group, Inc. For North Regions: Equus
Elder-Multicultural Access and Support Services (EMASS)	EMASS is a program for older refugees which provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education and advocacy• Peer support• Social and recreational activities• Referrals to social service needs	Countywide: Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC)
Vocational English-As-A-Second Language (VESL)	VESL is a program that offers English classes that help people learn the language skills they need to get a job.	For East and Central Regions: International Rescue Committee, Inc. (IRC) For all other regions , please dial 211.
Work Readiness Exchange (WRE)	WRE teaches participants conflict management strategies, communication skills and job-related life skills.	For East and Central Regions: National Conflict Resolution Center (NCRC) For all other regions , please dial 211.

For more information or if you need assistance, please contact oira.hhsa@sdcounty.ca.gov.