

2013-2016 REFUGEE
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (RES)
PLAN



Refugees in San Diego

- Who are refugees
- San Diego is a high impact county and receives additional funding - Targeted Assistance funds
- All funding is for refugees who have been in the U.S for 5 years or less
- County mainly works with CalWORKs eligible clients or families with children

Refugee Employment Services Plan

- The 2013-2016 RES Plan outlines how the County will spend the funds allocated by the state to help refugees obtain self sufficiency
- The majority of refugees we are currently receiving are tied to the community through family or friends
- The RES Plan was developed with input gathered at public hearings, focus groups and refugee and collaborative meetings

Current Services

- Employment
- Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL)
- SHINE – teaches English and helps refugees navigate the complex health system
- Elderly Refugee Services
- Microenterprise

New Plan Proposes Added Services

- Work experience
- Additional VESL classes
- VESL classes with training that covers job-specific training, skills and certifications
- Non-employment/assimilation services
 - ▣ Information and Referral Services
 - ▣ Outreach Services
 - ▣ Social Adjustment Services
 - ▣ Case Management Services

Planning Budget

- Refugee Plan is subject to available federal funding
- Planning Budget, subject to change
 - ▣ Employment (Welfare to Work Contracts) - 69%
 - ▣ Other Employment – 25%
 - ▣ Non Employment – 1%
 - ▣ Administration - 5%