

# Refugee Emergency Response

## (\$4.5m One-Time Budget Request)

Oregon has been a welcoming new home for many, but refugees and humanitarian migrants are facing immediate and growing risks that the existing resettlement system was not designed to absorb without added support.

Due to H.R. 1, every refugee adult and child has lost SNAP and will lose Medicaid this year. ICE is targeting refugee communities. Our president calls refugees "garbage."

### Direct Support for the Most Vulnerable

*Part of OFB, OHTF Anti-Hunger Packages*

H.R. 1 SNAP & healthcare cuts are stripping refugees of their ability to survive financially, costing families \$409-\$1000+ per month. As lawfully present Oregonians race to re-qualify for SNAP, families report skipping meals and having difficulty paying rent.

Oregon can help children, elders and others with targeted, time-limited, emergency support to help families hold on.

### Critical Services Maintained Now and During Any ICE Surge

- Emergency food and housing stabilization
- Employment support
- Support to students, schools
- Know Your Rights & multilingual outreach
- Family emergency planning and child safeguards
- Healthcare access
- Secure documents, contacts
- Staff, volunteer crisis training



# The ODHS Refugee Extended Case Management Program has helped thousands start new lives in safety since 2019

## Who is served?

- 1 REFUGEES and PAROLEES** who recently resettled in Oregon - many from Ukraine, Iraq, Burma, the former Soviet Union, Somalia, Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cuba.
- 2 INTERPRETERS** who have served alongside U.S. armed forces abroad.
- 3 ASYLEES, HUMAN TRAFFICKING SURVIVORS & OTHERS** who are starting new lives in safety.

## How?

COMMUNITY-TRUSTED ORGANIZATIONS HAVE HELPED CLIENTS ACCESS SUPPORTS TO START NEW LIVES AND THRIVE



Enroll in the Oregon Health Plan



Connect to employment



Increase academic success & parent involvement



Obtain unemployment support during COVID-19



Maintain SNAP



Maintain secure housing

## The Promise of New Beginnings: Abrahale

After spending over a decade as a refugee in Israel, displaced from his home country of Eritrea, Abrahale and his family arrived in Oregon in 2023.

With assistance, he found employment as a landscaper on the maintenance crew at a high-end fitness club, his kids enrolled in summer camps and his wife was supported with English classes.

Abrahale reflects, "After passing through many trials and tribulations, I am very grateful."

