



## Refugee Resettlement 101

According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, there are 65.3 million forcibly displaced people around the world. The current refugee population is the highest it has been since World War II. Violence, poverty, and climate change are some of the driving forces behind why refugees leave their home country. Since 2001, June 20 marks World Refugee Day- the day that the United Nations and more than 100 countries commemorate the obstacles this population face while also celebrating their courage and strength.

Join CSG West for the first in a summer series of Legislative Exchanges in coordination with the [International Rescue Committee \(IRC\)](#). IRC responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disease to survive, recover, and gain control of their future. The IRC has locations in 15 U.S. states and over 20 U.S. cities providing direct resettlement services to newly arrived refugees.

The first [Legislative Exchange](#) will take place **Friday, June 25** at 11 am PDT. After a welcome message by CSG West Chair, Idaho Representative Clark Kauffman, the IRC will provide a presentation on the nuts and bolts of the refugee resettlement program- how one qualifies for refugee status; the process of resettlement abroad and, as a special feature, the IRC Boise Executive Director will provide a unique view into the work of a local resettlement office.

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