



Cultural Orientation in the Refugee Resettlement Process

The Council of State Governments West (CSG West) and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) extend an invitation to the second in a series of Legislative Exchange sessions focused on refugee resettlement to be held on **Friday, July 30 at 11 am (PDT)**.

In May 2019, the Migration Policy Institute published a report titled, [*Preparing for the Unknown: Designing Effective Predeparture Orientation for Resettling Refugees*](#) which explained the intended outcomes of predeparture orientation programs, or cultural orientation. Refugees resettled in the United States receive [cultural orientation](#) before and after their arrival. Covering a wide range of topics, this training provides vital knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to adapt to a new life and achieve self-sufficiency.

During the session, participants will learn about the process of cultural orientation, including the content covered, and the roles of volunteers and community partners in its implementation. The session will be facilitated by the [Cultural Orientation Resource Exchange \(CORE\)](#), a technical assistance program funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM), and administered by the IRC. CORE's work focuses on connecting and supporting refugee resettlement staff globally to deliver effective cultural orientation.

After the webinar, participants will be able to:

- Outline the cultural orientation process that refugees receive before traveling to the United States and upon their arrival



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- Summarize the content covered during cultural orientation and how it contributes to integration and achieving self-sufficiency
- Explain the vital roles that volunteers and community partners play in implementing cultural orientation
- Define the role CORE plays in facilitating the delivery of quality cultural orientation across the cultural orientation continuum.

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