

World Refugee Day Panel Discussion

Understanding the Refugee Experience & Advocating for Resettlement



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Refugees from countries like Afghanistan and Ukraine are forced to flee due to war, persecution, and political instability. Upon arrival in the U.S., they face complex legal systems, changing immigration policies, and gaps in resettlement support. Without coordinated advocacy and responsive policies, displaced communities struggle to access the resources needed for safety, stability, and long-term integration.

About the Webinar

Join us for an insightful discussion on the urgent realities that force refugees to flee their countries and the critical role of resettlement in rebuilding lives. This panel will explore the experiences of Afghan and Ukrainian refugees, the systemic barriers they face, the impact of new immigration policies, and how advocacy can improve policies and resources for displaced families.

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Learning Objectives

By the end of this webinar, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the causes of forced migration and the unique challenges faced by Afghan and Ukrainian refugees.
2. Identify key legal pathways and policy gaps affecting refugee resettlement.
3. Recognize the importance of coordinated resettlement support, including housing, legal aid, and employment resources.
4. Explore the role of policy and community advocacy in promoting refugee integration.

Featured Speakers



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