

WORKING WITH REFUGEE COMMUNITIES AND THEIR SPECIAL LEGAL ISSUES

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Background and introduction:

- Who refugees are
- Where refugees come from
- What refugees are doing here
- How Tennessee manages refugee resettlement

Legal issues that crop up regularly:

- Deportation
- Employment issues including religious dress, legal status
- Alcohol, DUI
- Child issues including spanking, abuse, truancy
- Understanding criminal law, how the police operate
- Driving
- Housing
- Translation, language issues
- Pets/ animals

Current Events impacting Tennessee's refugees:

Tennessee Refugee Resettlement Bill

Resources

UN Refugee Agency	http://www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/txis/vtx/home
U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/
Tennessee Office for Refugees	http://www.cctenn.org/tor
Tennessee Regional Providers Bridge Refugee (East):	http://www.bridgerefugeeschatt.org/home.html
Tennessee Regional Providers World Relief (West and Central):	http://worldreliefnashville.org/
Tennessee Regional Providers Nashville International Center for Empowerment	http://www.empowernashville.org/
Books:	<i>What is the What</i> by Dave Eggers (2011) <i>Outcasts United</i> by Warren St. John (2009)
Videos:	<i>Welcome to Shelbyville:</i> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8uvMxbg3Ok <i>CNN's Unwelcome: Muslims Next Door:</i> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JRzeZMw6LM
Tennessee Eagle Forum	http://www.tneagleforum.org/custpage.cfm/frm/87828/sec_id/87828