PHILADELPHIA REFUGEE HEALTH COLLABRATIVE OVERVIEW



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TODAY's AGENDA and GOALS

- Agenda
 - Presentations
 - Community Perspectives Plan
 - Networking Break Out Groups

- Goals
 - Connecting the network!

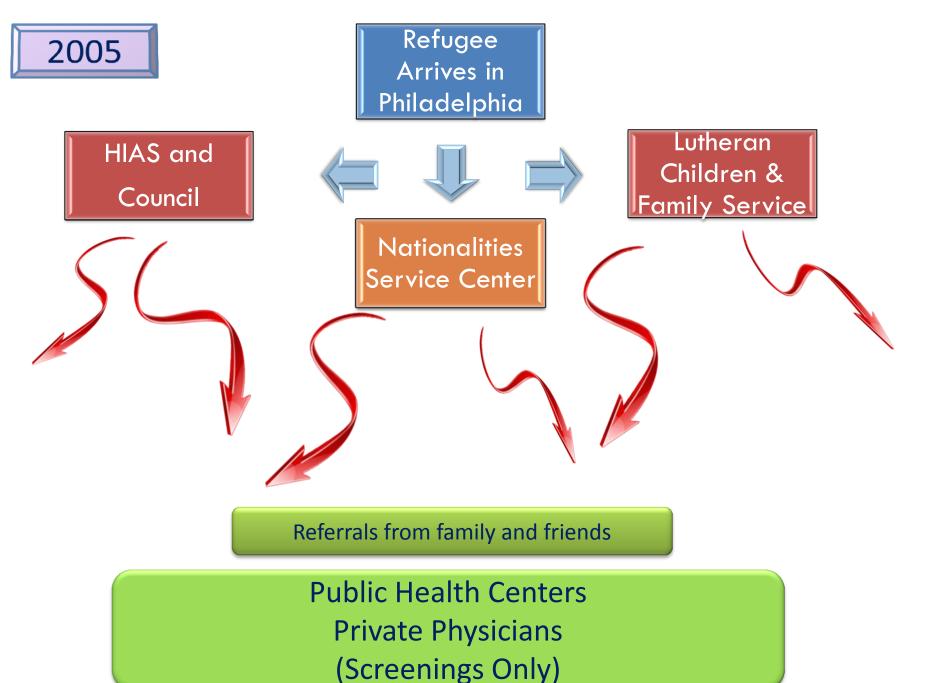
Refugee Resettlement in Philadelphia

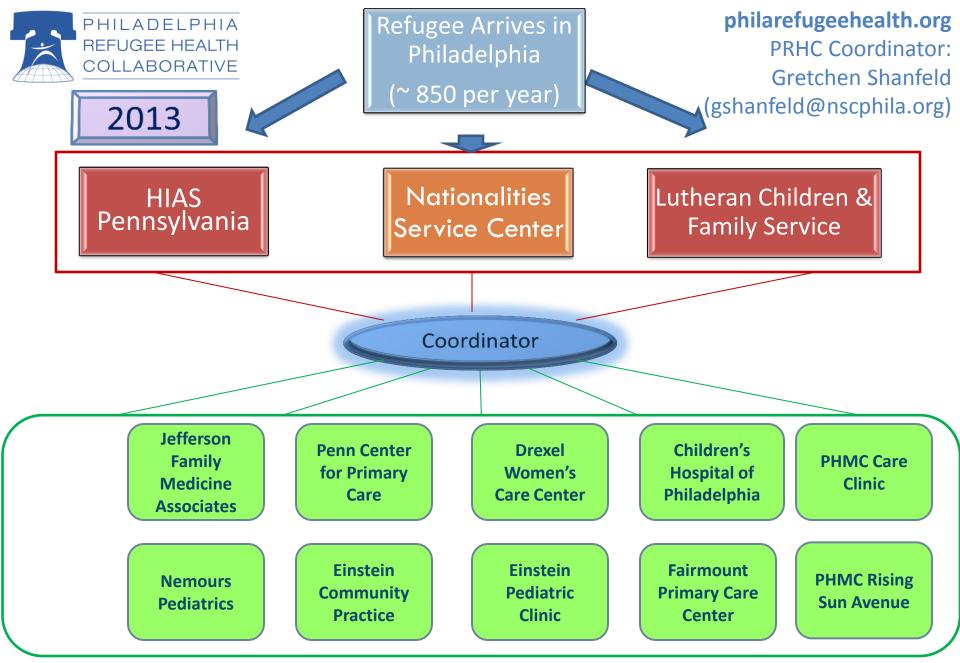
- Nationalities Service Center
- Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS PA)
- Lutheran Children and Family Services

Phila Total ~ 800+ arrivals annually

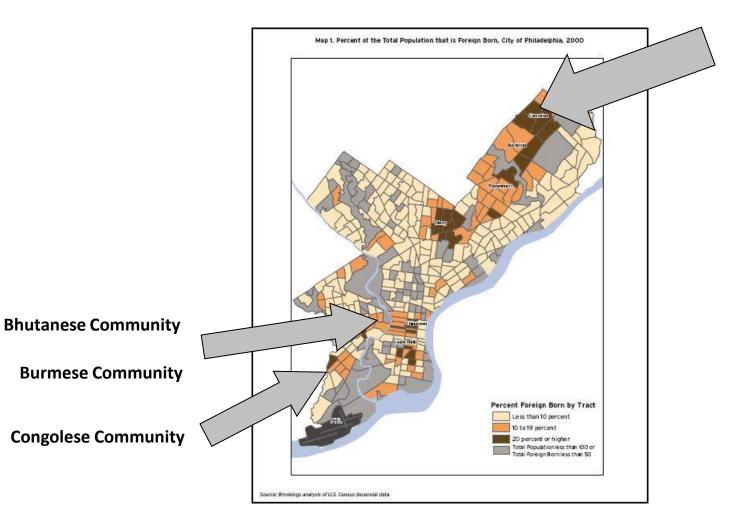
Unique Programs:

- Philadelphia Refugee Health Collaborative
- Philadelphia Refugee Mental Health Collaborative
- Philadelphia Partnership for Resilience



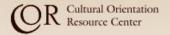


Current Refugee Groups



Iraqi Community
Sudanese Community
Congolese Community

How to Learn More: www.philarefugeehealth.org



Refugees from SYRIA

As of October 2014, the three-year conflict in Syria has displaced nearly 9.5 million people, more than 40% of the country's pre-war population. Of these, over 3 million have found temporary asylum in the neighboring countries of Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt. Only about 15% of the Syrian refugees live in refugee camps. The rest live outside camps, in cities, towns, and rural areas, often in difficult circumstances and in locations not easily reached by humanitarian aid organizations. The great majority of the refugees are Sunni Muslim Arabs, but the population also includes ethnic and religious minorities, such as Kurds, Druze, and members of various Christian and Shiite Muslim sects.

The influx has stretched to the breaking point the capacity of asylum countries to provide protection and assistance to the refugees. In an effort to relieve the pressure—and enable asylum countries to continue providing sanctuary to Syrians fleeing the war—the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees [UNHCR] has asked resettlement countries



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