**Contact Information and Links presented at the February 24 Discussion**

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**LISTS**

**Resettlement Agencies and W-2 Agencies** in areas with the most resettlement activity – each agency has employment–focused staff that work directly with Afghan and refugee arrivals:

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| Location | Resettlement Agency | W2 Agency |
| Milwaukee County | [IIW](http://www.iiwisconsin.org/services.php) – International Institute of Wisconsin[LSS](https://www.lsswis.org/service/refugee-resettlement/) – Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan | [MAXIMUS](https://milwaukeefset.com/employment) (operates the Milwaukee FoodShare Employment and Training program)[UMOS](https://www.umos.org/workforce-development/) |
| Fox Valley | World Relief – Fox Valley | [Forward Service Corporation](https://fsc-corp.org/partners-and-employers/) |
| Brown County | Catholic Charities – Green Bay | [Forward Service Corporation](https://fsc-corp.org/partners-and-employers/) |
| Dane County | Jewish Social Services (JSS) | [Forward Service Corporation](https://fsc-corp.org/partners-and-employers/) |
| Wausau/Marathon County | Multicultural Community Center (MCC) | [Forward Service Corporation](https://fsc-corp.org/partners-and-employers/) |

NOTE: If you do not have a contact at these agencies, contact tom.targos@wisconsin.gov.

**Local Refugee Networks and Task Forces**

* Green Bay / Brown County (Catholic Charities-Green Bay)
email: Peter Weiss - pweiss@gbdioc.org
* Fox Valley (World Relief-Fox Valley)
email: James Rashid - jrashid@wr.org
* Dane County
email: Kristen Olsen – kristen.olsen@wisconsin.gov
* Milwaukee County
email: Tom Targos - tom.targos@wisconsin.gov
* Wausau / Marathon County (Multicultural Community Center)
email: Adam VanNoord - AVanNoord@ecdcus.org

**LINKS**

**Portal to post work opportunities**[https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/refugee/resources](https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/refugee/resources%20)
Select “Employment”

**Donating to support Afghan families arriving**Team Rubicon is accepting donations (https://[teamrubiconusa.org](http://www.teamrubiconusa.org)/)
If questions; contact kevin.ryan@teamrubiconusa.org

**An Overview of the Refugee Resettlement Process**
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/refugee/pdf/refugee-process-short.pdf>

**For general information about Afghan Population and Culture:**
<https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/MPS-English/CAO/Bilingual/Resources/ESL/MPS_AfghanistanQuickReferenceGuide_921V3ADAcheck.pdf>

**Refugee / Afghan Support Contacts in other Neighboring States**

**Illinois**

Office of Welcoming Centers for Refugee and Immigrant Services
Illinois Department of Human Services
401 S Clinton St, 4th Floor, Chicago IL, 60607
312-793-7120
DHS.BRIS@illinois.gov

Here is the a link to that state’s Afghanistan Refugee Support Form for those interested in helping this group <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=17&item=137705&surveyid=1588>

**Iowa**

Iowa Bureau of Refugee Services:
Refugee Services (Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
1-800-362-2780 (Toll Free)
515-875-5600 (Des Moines Area)
Visit: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/refugee-services/services>

If you are an employer with job opportunities and are looking to hire good, reliable workers, please call **515-875-5615**. See how the Bureau of Refugee Services may be able to meet your needs.

**Minnesota**

[Minnesota Department of Human Services](https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/contact-us/refugee-resettlement/) at dhs.rposupportdesk@state.mn.us or
by contacting Patricia Fenrick at 651-431-5643.

For contacts in other states, visit <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/grant-funding/key-state-contacts>