

We are so grateful for your interest in supporting refugees and new immigrants through Jewish Family & Children’s Service.

We depend on the community to help us welcome refugees coming from Syria, Iraq, Congo, Columbia, Nepal and Burma each and every week.

JF&CS uses volunteers in many ways to support refugees and immigrants. Below is a list of ways that you can potentially be involved in personally supporting our work at JFCS. JF& CS supports volunteers through screening, training and orientation. Please keep in mind that most volunteer positions are quite popular and there can be wait lists for various positions.

If you are interested in applying to volunteer with refugees, please request an application by emailing Andrew at avantreeck@jfcspgh.org or by calling 412-904-5970. For volunteer opportunities with the legal immigration department, email Abby at ayochum@jfcspgh.org.

<p>Volunteering with Immigrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer Groups –We train your group to help immigrants fill out the paperwork to become naturalized citizens. Then we help host a workshop that brings your group together with immigrants seeking help with this crucial step in becoming US Citizens.• Pro-Bono Legal Services from qualified professionals who can assist with helping unaccompanied minors or support immigrants filing for protective status.• Drivers – Immigrants need help getting to appointments at a wide variety of agencies. Give them a lift to the appointment or help them get home afterwards.• Advocate –Write to your Congressional Representative or Senator. Find your representatives by visiting USA.gov/elected-officials. Let them know that refugees and immigrants bring assets and perspectives that we need locally and nationally.	<p>Volunteering with Refugees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-home visitors assist with a family’s adjustment to life in Pittsburgh and the USA. Share our culture and unpack the intricacies of understanding our way of life. Help refugee families acclimate to our region and develop English fluency through playing games and engaging in simple conversation by visiting once a week for a few hours.• Interpretation –Do you speak Swahili, Arabic, Spanish or Nepali? We are always looking for people capable of speaking conversationally as well as offering translation services.• Babysitting –To encourage attendance at JF&CS Cultural Orientation workshops we would like to provide babysitting. Sign up for a shift!• One-on-one or group employment & financial literacy support for employable adults. Focus on adults’ specific needs to prepare them for U.S. workplace and economic self-sufficiency.
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Everyone interested in Volunteering through JF&CS MUST

- Complete an Application, Background Clearance Checks and provide References
- Be Interviewed by JF&CS Refugee Staff
- Attend Training and Orientation
- Commit to JF&CS Guidelines and Rules for Volunteers
- Report on all volunteer activity conducted on behalf of JF&CS