

# Washington Refugee Youth Mentoring Program Application Information

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# Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance



**Culturally Relevant and Linguistically Appropriate Services**

## **ORIA's Programs and Services**

**Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance**

**Refugee Health Screening Services**

**Refugee Mental Health Services**

**Refugee Health Promotion Program**

**Employment Services**

**(LEP PATHWAY, ORIA-BFET, CLEVER)**

**English as a Second Language Services**

**Naturalization Services Program**

**PRIME Program (case-management, Immigration Assistance, and workshops)**

**Refugee School Impact Program**

**Refugee Elders Program**

**Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program**

***Coming Soon Refugee Youth Mentoring Program***



## Service Eligibility

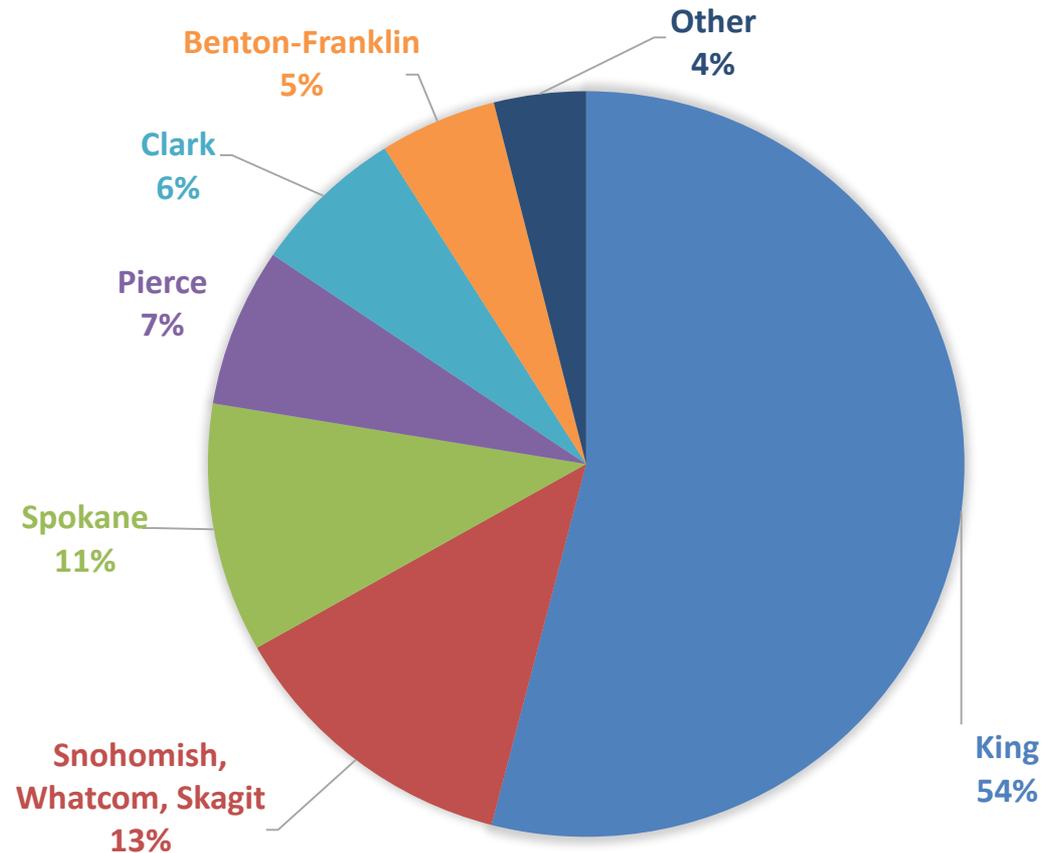
- Clients must meet ORR eligibility and present appropriate immigration documentation (45 CFR 400.43):
  - ✓ REFUGEES (RF)
  - ✓ ASYLEES (AS)
  - ✓ SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA holders (SI)
  - ✓ CUBAN/HAITIAN ENTRANTS (CH)
  - ✓ SURVIVORS OF TORTURE
  - ✓ CERTIFIED VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING (VT)
- Youth ages 18 to 24 years
- Have been in the United States four years or fewer

# What is the current estimated service population?

1,549 eligible refugee youth between 18 and 24 years of age in March 2019

## Top Countries of Origin

Ukraine  
Afghanistan  
Iraq  
Somalia  
Eritrea  
Ethiopia  
Dem. Republic of Congo



## Required Services

### For the youth:

- Initial needs assessment
- Develop a goal plan
- Provide case management, document services provided and the progress of each youth

### For mentors:

- Recruit and screen potential mentors
- Train mentors
- Match mentor to youth
- Provide ongoing support and oversight for refugee youth and mentors.

## Community Recommendations

- Provide a structure that finds a balance between home and US cultures
- Create intergenerational services that connect youth to the elderly
- Have educational programs that facilitate the completion of high school
- Involve the parents and have them actively participate in the program
- Educate parents on what resources exist for their children
- Assess the desire for same-culture mentors
- Peer Training
- Respond to the challenges and barriers for limited English proficiency

## ORIA Recommendations

- Focus on engaging and educational activities
- Programs can offer optional incentives
  - Transportation
  - Registration or tuition costs for educational, vocational, apprenticeship, and career development activities
  - Donated goods
- Build a partnership/consortium with organization(s) that can offer complementary services

Applications must be received no later than  
5:00 pm on **Wednesday, August 7, 2019.**

All applications must:

- Be submitted via email only to [ORIAinfo@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:ORIAinfo@dshs.wa.gov).
- Be a document with no less than one inch margins, using Times New Roman or Calibri 12-point font.
- Be limited to eight pages, single spaced.
- Respond to all of the questions.

## Fiscal Information

All organizations must submit evidence documenting fiscal responsibility by providing one or more of the following documents:

- IRS Form 990 – if an applicant is a not-for-profit organization that completed an IRS Form 990, the applicant must submit it for the most recent year.
- Organizations without IRS Form 990 may submit:
  - A certified financial audit, if available;
  - Most recent board-reviewed financial statements, if available;
  - Certified statement of assets and debts (balance sheet) and evidence of cash flow, including amounts in a checking account.
- A letter from a fiscal sponsor or the board of directors documenting their fiscal capacity.

## Funding Timeline and Process

- August 7, 2019, 5:00 pm, Application submission deadline
- August 8 , 2019 – August 18, 2019, panel review applications
- August 26, 2019 – August 30, 2019, potential interviews and site-visits by ORIA
- September 13, 2019 – Successful Applicants notified
- September 27, 2019 – Contracts signed

# Questions and Answers

Thank you!

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