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## The U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program – an Overview

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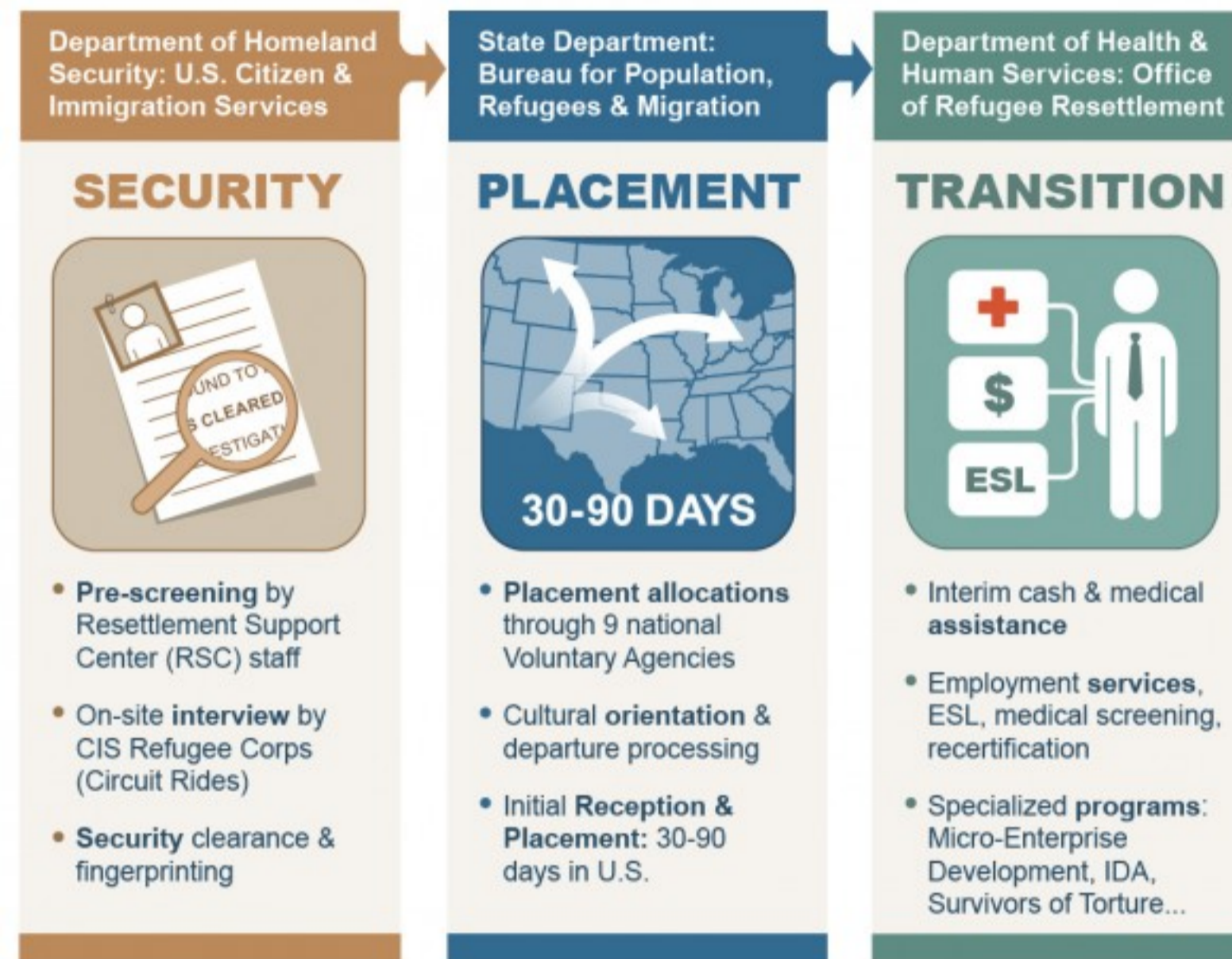
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The Departments of Homeland Security (DHS), State and Health and Human Services (HHS) work together to uphold America's humanitarian response to refugees through the U.S. Resettlement Program (USRP).

- Once the United Nations and U.S. embassies refer refugee cases for resettlement consideration, [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#) officers at DHS conduct individual interviews and clearances, and final determinations for admission.
- The State Department's [Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration \(PRM\)](#) coordinates admissions and allocations to specific cities and resettlement agencies, in conjunction with nine national voluntary agencies that oversee a network of some 250 affiliates in 49 states plus the District of Columbia through the [Reception & Placement Program](#). When refugees arrive at their destination, these local affiliates greet them at the airport, help them with housing and access to other resources.
- From the date of arrival, the [Office of Refugee Resettlement \(ORR\)](#) at HHS provides short-term cash and medical assistance to new arrivals, as well as case management services, English as a Foreign Language classes, and job readiness and employment services – all designed to facilitate refugees' successful transition in the U.S., and help them to attain self-sufficiency.

ORR supports additional programs to serve [all eligible populations](#) beyond the first eight months post-arrival, including micro-enterprise development, ethnic community self help, agricultural partnerships, and services for survivors of torture.

[Learn more](#) about ORR's programs and services for refugees, asylees and others.

### For anyone who wishes to help resettle refugees:

ORR provides funding and services to states, resettlement agencies and many non-profit community based entities to facilitate the resettlement of newly arriving refugees. For more information on how to help refugees in your community, please reach out to [local organizations in your state](#). ORR does not directly accept any donations or provide housing. However, we encourage you to contact a local resettlement agency if you would like to assist or volunteer.

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