



## Special Immigrant Visa Program (SIV Walk-In) Process

*The Reception and Placement Program for Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders from Iraq or Afghanistan was reinstated after a short period of suspension*

*SIV cases who have arranged their travel to the U.S. may be eligible to receive Reception and Placement (R&P) benefits, provided they apply within 90 days of their arrival in the U.S.*

**Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)** may assist you in assessing your eligibility for program enrollment and in receiving benefits.

## Seeking Walk-In Services

- To apply for walk-in SIV Reception & Placement (R&P) services, you **MUST apply** through a local affiliate within **90 days** of arrival in the U.S.
- Your arrival date is the day you arrived at your *first* point of entry into the United States. (airport)
- You must bring your passports or send scanned copies of your visas, along with the entry stamp pages, for all family members.
- **Lutheran Services in Iowa** will assist you in completing the necessary forms and submitting your application for all family members.
- **Lutheran Services in Iowa** will submit all your documents to the Refugee Processing Centers for approval of your case program enrollment.
- You are only eligible to receive program services once your case is approved.
- *Your Eligibility for services is based on whether your case has already received Reception & Placement Services and whether you are still within your first 90 days in the country.*
- ***If we are unable to serve you through our programs, you may refer you to Virtual Reception and placement services provided by Global Refuge.***

## Outline of Services

- Financial Support – pocket money, rent payment, utilities,
- Financial support is limited to per capita amounts designated by the R&P program. Additional funding may be available through other local programs.
- Home Visits – upon case approval & at 30 days
- Material Needs support – seasonal clothing, furniture, home supplies, etc.
- Community Resources Navigation, including public benefits referrals, school enrollment
- Assistance with employment services referrals, among other services.
- Securing housing is dependent on LSI's capacity and the assistance of family or friends

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