BRIDGING REFUGEE YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SERVICES (BRYCS)

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Agenda



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- BRYCS' Back to School Resources (20 min.)
- Discussion with grantees on older youth (20 min.)
- Announcements from ORR (10 min.)
- Update on BRYCS' RSIG related projects (10 min.)

BRYCS' Back to School Resources (20 min)

- Enrollment, Registration, & Placement:
 - <u>The Birthdates of Refugee Children and the Impact</u> <u>on Grade Placement</u>
 - BRYCS' List of Highlighted Resources on <u>Foreign</u> <u>Transcript Evaluation</u>
 - <u>Registering Students with Language Backgrounds</u>
 <u>Other Than English</u>
 - <u>School Enrollment Information</u> (Fort Wayne, IN schools video and forms in Burmese)
 - <u>Registering Your Child For School</u> (multilingual handout from PA)

BRYCS' Back to School Resources (cont)

- Resources on welcoming/orienting refugee kids & parents to school
 - o <u>BRYCS' List of multilingual school-related resources</u>
 - BRYCS' article on <u>Welcoming & Orienting</u> <u>Newcomer Students to U.S. Schools</u>
 - Common videos used in RSIG network (<u>IL</u>, <u>New</u> <u>York</u>, <u>Denver</u>, <u>CAL's</u>, etc.)
 - o <u>ECHO's streaming videos</u>
 - Family Involvement Tools audio clips from WA
 - Checklists such as these used in <u>Chicago</u> and <u>Seattle</u>

BRYCS' Back to School Resources (cont)

- All the school-related lists of highlighted resources <u>here</u> (and also connects you to RSIG page)
- Other lists of highlighted resources you need?
- Remember to share your resources with BRYCS and RSIG network



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Discussion on Older Youth (20 min)

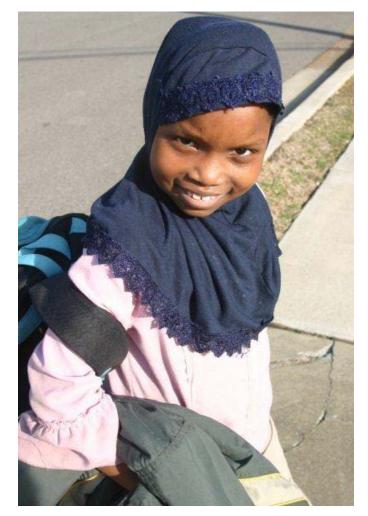


David Snyder for Catholic Relief Services

- Each state has different laws
- Schools are often reluctant to enroll older youth (18, etc.) because:
 - o "They can't graduate in time."
 - "They will negatively affect AYP."
 - "We don't have anywhere to put them."
 - o Other reasons?
- How has your district handled this population?

A few models...

- Fairfax, VA's <u>Transitional</u> <u>ESOL High Schools</u> (for 18+ who want to earn HS diploma)
- St. Paul, MN's <u>International</u> <u>Academy – LEAP</u> (up to 22)
- <u>Global Institute of Lansing</u> (for 19-26)



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Announcements from ORR (10 min)



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- Semi-annual reports due Sept. 15
- Update on collaboration with the Department of Education
- Thoughts/reflections from this past year (the RSIG calendar starts/ends on August 15)
- Other?

BRYCS Announcements (10 min)

- BRYCS' Schools Toolkit next tool on measuring outcomes
- RSIG "Written Analysis" research complete on home/school liaisons and professional development
- Conferences:
 - ORR's Congrats to Dekalb County, GA on presenting
 - o OSDFS
 - Webinar with Migration Policy Institute (date TBD)
 - National Immigrant Integration Conference (Seattle, Oct. 24-26)
 - National Refugee and Immigrant Conference (Chicago, Nov. 7-8)
- Promising Practices for BRYCS' map please send those in!

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