



Join the International Institute of New England and Ascentria Care Alliance In Welcoming Afghan Evacuees to New Hampshire

The International Institute of New England and Ascentria Care Alliance, two human services agencies in New Hampshire, are managing the resettlement of Afghans who were evacuated from Afghanistan by the U.S. military in August.

Both organizations have worked in the resettlement field for many years. Most refugees who have resettled in New Hampshire in recent years have been received by these agencies.

The International Institute of New England and Ascentria Care Alliance are now preparing to receive **175+ evacuees** in New Hampshire who will join refugee arrivals the organizations will welcome this year from conflict zones around the world. Arriving Afghan evacuees have been evacuated on an emergency basis, and will need immediate and intense support in securing shelter, food, and services.

Each agency has created a fund to help them meet the immediate and short-term welcome, shelter, food, and basic needs of arriving Afghan families. Funding will support **airport reception, safe and appropriate temporary and longer-term housing, adequate food, transportation, coordination of medical care, seasonal clothing, financial assistance for basic needs, and public school enrollment for children**. The providers' deepest need is to cover the high cost of housing during evacuees' first year in our communities.

Both agencies are working in partnership with the U.S. Department of State and national voluntary agencies to resettle evacuees including people who worked alongside U.S. military and civilian personnel as well as teachers, medical professionals, journalists, aid workers and others facing retaliation. The Biden administration reports 53,000 Afghans on U.S. military bases awaiting resettlement at this time, with 18,000 more on bases outside of the U.S. The administration estimates that 90,000 or more Afghans will be resettled in the U.S. over the next 12 months.

Each agency is monitored by the U.S. Department of State, the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement, their national network office, and state resettlement agencies to ensure that contracted service delivery requirements are met. Each refugee resettlement agency has met strict federal standards for service delivery and documentation.

Emergency Support for Afghan Families: IINE and Ascentria Care Alliance are preparing to welcome and serve hundreds of Afghan evacuees in immediate need of shelter, food, and support in Concord, Manchester and Nashua, NH. The organizations are hiring additional staff who speak Dari and Pashto to serve Afghan families; working to secure and furnish temporary housing; identifying community members willing to serve in volunteer cohorts; and fundraising to support the housing, food, and basic needs costs of families for up to six months.

Longer-Term Integration Support: Longer-term engagement with clients often spans four to five years, beginning with welcoming services and continuing through case management, English classes, job training and placement, youth mentoring, and immigration legal services to secure U.S. citizenship. IINE's and Ascentria's longer-term support for Afghan parolees includes cultural orientation, medical case management, employment authorization application assistance and job placement support, and ongoing immigration legal services.

How Can Veterans Support Afghan Humanitarian Parolees?

Ascentria Care Alliance

- If you have individual donors that would like to make a monetary donation, offer housing assistance, employment opportunities or volunteer, please visit: [Ascentria Care Alliance - Help Afghan Arrivals](#)

International Institute of New England

- If military veterans would like to volunteer to help resettle Afghan evacuees, IINE is requesting that you form yourselves into teams with a team leader. Please send the complete list of team members to volunteers@iine.org. In addition, we will ask each member of your team to complete this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VPH5DRH>.
- We are also requesting food, clothing and cash gift cards for new arrivals so they have some agency in choosing their basic necessities on arrival. If anyone would like to donate a gift card or run a gift card drive, please contact Taylor Donaldson at tdonaldson@iine.org. We were recently asking for in-kind donations, but we now have donations beyond our storage capacity so we are pausing this request.
- If you have individual donors that would like to make a donation, please visit: <https://iine.org/s81621/>