

Community Referrals for Refugees

Employment and Workforce Training

Bethany Refugee Adult and Family Programs

Eligible up to five years after arrival, 16 y.o. and older; employment, recertification and job ladderling.
1050 36th St SE, Suite 400, Grand Rapids, MI 49508
616-224-7540 / egonzalez@bethany.org

Grand Rapids Community College Integrated Workforce Training Program

Adult education and literacy activities, training for specific occupations and career coaching.
143 Bostwick Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 234-2347 / leanngarrison@grcc.edu

West Michigan Works!

Job search, vocational skills training, assistance with professional career, connect with community services.
121 Franklin St SE, Ste 120, Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 228-6721 / okhanal@westmiworks.org

English Classes

Bethany at Grand Rapids International Fellowship (GRIF)

(Must be enrolled in Bethany or Samaritas program)
3765 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508
616-224-7540 / sbrinks@bethany.org

Literacy Center of West Michigan

1120 Monroe Ave NW, Ste 240, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 / 616-459-5151 / lavalos@literacycenterwm.org

English classes are offered through *Beckwith Adult Education, Wyoming Community Education, GRCC*, etc.

Food

If food is needed immediately, call 2-1-1 (or 1-800-887-1107) for the closest food pantry.

Food pantries list available at *Access of West Michigan*
616-774-2175 / <http://accessofwestmichigan.org/>

Salvation Army: Food Pantry

1215 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-459-9468

Mel Trotter Ministries: Food Pantry

225 Commerce SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
616-588-8728

Buist Community Assist Pantry (food, clothing, goods)

8306 Byron Center Ave SW / 616-583-4080

General Assistance / Case Management

Bethany Christian Services Post Resettlement Program
(Eligible up to five years after arrival, 16 y.o. and older)
616-224-7540 / egonzalez@bethany.org

Thrive Refugee Support Center

3334 Breton Road SE, Kentwood, MI 49512
616-421-2500 / Thrivegr.office@gmail.com

Senior Neighbors (over age 60)

678 Front Ave NW, Suite 205 Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616233-0294 / rstenfors@seniorneighbors.org

Samaritas: Intensive Case Management Program

(Limited eligibility up to five years after arrival)
207 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-356-1934 / avand1@samaritas.org

Health & Counseling Services

Bethany Christian Services: Healing Center

Survivors of Torture, therapy and case management if eligible, no time limit
616-224-7540 / rkath@bethany.org

Samaritas: Refugee Health Navigation

6-month medical case management
207 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-356-1934 / cblac2@samaritas.org

Fountain Hill Center for Counseling and Consultation

Mental health counseling, some insurance accepted, sliding fee scale

<https://fountainhillcenter.org> / 616-456-1178
534 Fountain St NE, Grand Rapids MI 49503

Cherry Street Health Services

With or without insurance, low-cost medical, dental, vision, behavioral, & counseling services
100 Cherry St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-965-8308 / 616-965-8200
newpatient@cherryhealth.com

Mel Trotter Ministries Clinics

Free or lost cost dental, chiropractic, vision and medical support for low or no income patients
616-588-8715 / dentalclinic@meltrotter.org

Leonard Street Counseling Center (Cherry Health)

Mental health counseling, substance use treatment, psychiatric services, health promotion
1400 Leonard St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-954-1991

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Exalta Health

With or without insurance, free or low-cost medical, dental, vision, behavioral, counseling, diabetes services
2060 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids MI 49507
616-475-8446 / <http://www.exaltalhealth.org/>

Oasis of Hope Center

If NO insurance, free or low-cost medical services, counseling, diabetes & life skills education
522 Leonard St NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504
616-451-8868 / info@ohcgr.org; <http://ohcgr.org/>

Arbor Circle

Mental health counseling, substance use treatment, family development
1115 Ball Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-456-6571 / www.arborcircle.org

Public Benefits- Applying for Medicaid, Food and Cash Assistance:

Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
121 Franklin St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507
616-248-1000 / www.michigan.gov/mibridges

Housing

If there is a housing crisis, contact 2-1-1 (or 1-800-887-1107)

Salvation Army: Housing Assistance Program
1120 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-454-5840

Education Assistance

Refugee Education Center
0-5 childcare, K-12 extended learning, school enrollment support, college/career prep, summer and early learning
2130 Enterprise St SE, Kentwood, MI 49508
616-247-9611 / info@refugeeeducationcenter.org

Immigration Assistance

Immigration Legal Services, Diocese of Grand Rapids
213 Sheldon Blvd SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-551-4746 / www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org/

Justice for Our Neighbors

227 Fulton St E, Suite 3101 Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-301-7461 / jfon_assist@jfonwestmichigan.org
<http://jfonwestmichigan.org/>

City Life Church Immigration Connection

574 S. Division Ave., Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-855-0563 / office@citylifeonline.net

Grand Rapids Community College Citizenship Classes
616-234-3172 or 616-454-4874
grcc.edu/citizenshipclasses

Immunizations & (Initial) Health Screening

Kent County Health Department
700 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
616-632-7100 / 1-888-515-1300
www.accesskent.com/health/healthdepartment

Secretary of State's Office: Applying for Michigan ID or Driver's License

Any Michigan Secretary of State's Office can assist with Michigan IDs or driver's licenses.
888-767-6424 / 517-322-1166

Roger's Plaza

1506 Rogers Plaza SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Shops at CenterPoint

3601 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512

Social Security: Applying for Social Security Number or Disability Income

Social Security Administration
3045 Knapp St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
877-319-5710

Welcome Centers

West Michigan Friendship Center

Drop-in center for free coffee, meals, resources, computer use, English, and more. Arabic spoken.
3665 29th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512
616-828-5310 / info@wmfriendshipcenter.org

Women's Assistance

Be a Rose, Inc.

Women's health workshops, provision of feminine hygiene products and education on their proper use.
6026 Kalamazoo Ave. SE. #129 Grand Rapids, MI 49508
616-990-3353 / www.bearose.org / info@bearose.org

Pregnancy Resource Center, Support Services

Diapers, formula, baby clothes, etc.

616-261-0014 / 2438 28th St SW Wyoming MI 49519

Family Tracing (Internationally)

American Red Cross, Restoring Family Links

Assistance locating family members separated internationally by war, disaster, or humanitarian emergencies.

By appointment only / 616-456-8661