Helping Refugees Find Employment

Volunteer Best Practices

There are a couple of ways you can help your refugee neighbor as they look for a job, but please don't feel obligated to do everything for them. We want to empower and equip refugees so that they can find jobs on their own in the future. If they ask for your help in the job-search, please encourage them to speak with their employment counselor first. Employment counselors have access to telephonic interpretation and can clearly discuss their clients' questions and concerns with them.

Please do not reach out to the employment counselor on the refugee's behalf; they are not allowed to discuss their clients' case with anyone except the client. If your refugee neighbor doesn't have an employment counselor (or you think their counselor is not serving them well), please contact your volunteer coordinator to see how you can further support your refugee neighbor with their job-search.

