

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

BRYCS' Back to School Resources (cont)

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

BRYCS' Back to School Resources (cont)

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



Theresa Laurence, Tennessee Register

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:
 - “They can’t graduate in time.”
 - “They will negatively affect AYP.”
 - “We don’t have anywhere to put them.”
 - Other reasons?
- How has your district handled this population?

A few models...

- Fairfax, VA's [Transitional ESOL High Schools](#) (for 18+ who want to earn HS diploma)
- St. Paul, MN's [International Academy – LEAP](#) (up to 22)
- [Global Institute of Lansing](#) (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 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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