



We're a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to empowering refugees and immigrants of Middle Tennessee. Here's how we help:



Education

NICE offers ELL classes at six different levels ranging from beginning literacy to high intermediate. We utilize the Ventures Series by Cambridge University Press as well as a wide range of materials used by teachers in the classrooms. Classes are offered during morning and evening hours. Students come from all walks of life with specific English proficiency skills and our curriculum focuses on addressing a wide variety of needs, including reading, writing, speaking, and life skills.



Employment

The NICE Workforce Preparation Program focuses on assisting local refugees who have been in the United States for less than five years prepare for and obtain employment. The Workforce Preparation Program is currently enrolling clients. For more information, please contact Employment Specialist Morissa Duke at morissa@empowernashville.org.

Immigration

The Immigration aims to enable our clients to effectively and efficiently transition into life in Middle Tennessee. Refugees and immigrants come to America with little or no knowledge of the resources available to them, and it is our goal to empower refugees to integrate into the community by offering services.



Health



The Nashville Refugee Health Initiative program was developed in 2013 to help prevent and offer assistance regarding several arising issues within populations new to America. To address issues of health education, diabetes, and hypertension, NICE developed a health program to provide education to the refugee and immigrant communities in Middle Tennessee.

The Nashville Refugee Health Initiative consists of four components: the Wellness Partner Program to provide one on one health lessons to families on a weekly basis, monthly nutrition classes, weekly fitness classes, and monthly health screenings.

Resettlement

NICE began its Reception and Placement (R&P) program in April of 2011. Since that time, the program has developed rapidly, resettling over 300 refugees from a variety of nations including; Bhutan, Burma, Cuba, Iraq, Iran and more. When refugees first arrive, they generally know very little about everyday life in America. Our team meets clients at the airport, ensures them a home cooked meal and orients them to their new life. We take care of everything refugees need upon arrival, such as finding and furnishing a new home, scheduling initial medical screenings, enrolling in all eligible social services and signing up children for school. NICE's R&P team is here to break down barriers and ensure that the transition from life as a refugee to a life of self-sufficiency in America goes as smoothly as possible. If you want to learn more about the R&P Program at NICE, contact Adriana Marquina, R&P Program Manager at adriana@empowernashville.org.

