

# Greater Richmond Refugee Mental Health Council

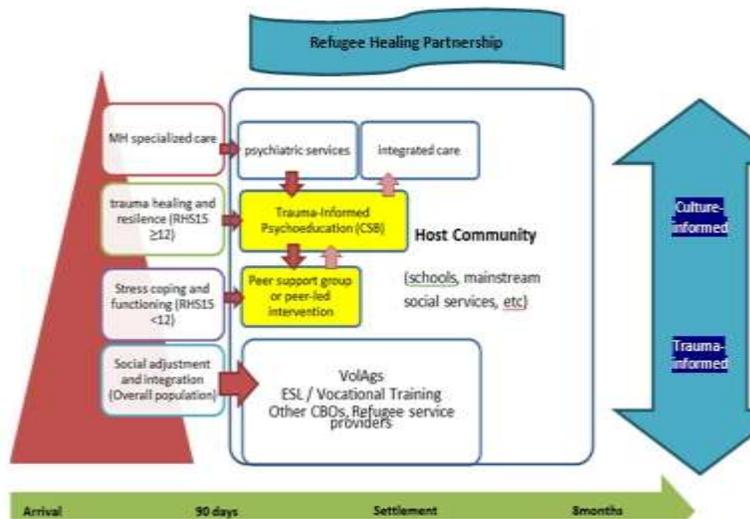
*Serving the refugee population in the City of Richmond and Henrico County*

## Background

The Greater Richmond Refugee Mental Health Council (GRRMHC) oversees the Refugee Wellness Initiative in the Metro Richmond Area. The Refugee Healing Partnership is a collaborative effort of the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Virginia Department of Health, multiple community agencies, and refugee communities across the Commonwealth.

Councils were created to identify and implement strategies that build capacity for behavioral health services for refugees; provide input for policy and programming at the state and local levels; and work towards eliminating disparities for refugees in the system.

The GRRMHC has two primary focus areas: 1). To support a seamless process for mental health screenings and referrals between area health departments and area behavioral health providers, and 2). To support the development and implementation of culturally adapted mental health interventions that address gaps in the service continuum for refugees.



## Council Members

Bhutanese Refugee Association of Richmond

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Church World Service

Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services

Henrico County Health Department

International Foundation for PsychoSocial Wellness

Virginia Commonwealth University- School of Social Work

Virginia Department of Health - Newcomer Health Program

## Referral Agencies

Bon Secours Healthcare System

Braley and Thompson

Counseling Alternatives

Global Alternative Solution- International Foundation for Psychosocial Wellness

**Our Vision:** All newcomers will be happy and healthy.

**Our Mission:** To make the social integration process a positive experience for newcomers and the community.

**Our Values:** Richmond rises up to assist newcomers and the community live happy and healthy lives by demonstrating: courage, sharing of the heart, inspiration, support for each other, coming together, promoting understanding, and creative problem solving.