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Since 1975, Catholic Charities Maine Refugee and Immigration Services has been the primary provider of resettlement services to refugees in Maine. Catholic Charities Maine resettles refugees of all races, religions and ethnicities. More than 5,000 newcomers from two dozen countries of Southeast Asia, Africa, the Near East, Eastern Europe, Cuba, and the former Soviet Republics have been assisted by these services to start new lives in Maine.

Catholic Charities Maine Refugee and Immigration Services resettles all persons classified as refugees by the federal government regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin. The diversity of the refugees resettled in Maine closely reflects the quotas set annually by the President. Recruitment, training and support of volunteers

Catholic Charities Maine is the only agency in Maine authorized to administer the federal program that resettles refugees in this country. Realizing that many of these clients arrive in Maine with few possessions, and often have suffered trauma and loss of family members, our Refugee and Immigration staff works with them to access housing, English skills, jobs, and medical and mental health services that will allow them to begin a new life here and become part of the community in which they live.