

Renting to Refugees


LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES/NCA


WHAT IS LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES/NCA?




Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSS/NCA) mobilizes community partners to provide services that offer hope and rebuild lives.

LSS/NCA's role in the Refugee Reception & Placement Program

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More than 15 million refugees around the world have left their homes because of war or civil unrest.
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The U.S., in partnership with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, offers people the **freedom to start a new life through a refugee resettlement program.**
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Since the 1970s, LSS/NCA has partnered with local organizations and companies to **aid in the resettlement of more than 350 refugees a year, all of whom seek housing and employment.**

LSS/NCA provides refugees with:



Housing and move-in assistance





Employment services and vocational training




Cultural orientation programs and access to community resources

How can landlords help? How do landlords benefit from renting to refugees?

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Refugees are continuously resettled in the Washington, DC metro area – **partner with LSS/NCA to prevent vacancies and keep your apartments full.**
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Collect rent with less worrying – LSS/NCA assists clients for the first 90 days, helping refugees find work and a steady income so they become self-sufficient and can pay their rent independently.
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Promote diversity and **build a community of respectful, long-term tenants.** Landlords who rent to refugees through LSS/NCA and provide basic training on maintenance and cleanliness **find that tenants typically renew their leases beyond LSS/NCA's initial commitment.**


“ LSS/NCA has been a wonderful resource, and I believe the work that they do to help refugees become accustomed to life in the U.S. is vital. **They are a great resource for landlords in keeping vacancy rates low.** ”


– Dontae Hinton
Community Manager, Sky Properties LLC

Frequently Asked Questions

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Do refugees speak English?
Sometimes. All refugees are referred to English classes depending on their language level upon arrival. LSS/NCA can coordinate free interpretation for interviews.
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Can refugees legally work?
Yes! All LSS/NCA clients are permanently authorized to work and can meet I-9 requirements.
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Are refugees legal residents?
Yes! Refugees have special travel documents that allow them to legally live and travel in the US. After a year, refugees apply for a green card.
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Do refugees have Social Security numbers?
Not immediately. A few days after arrival in the U.S., all refugees apply for Social Security cards.

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