Purpose of Monthly Presentation

- Support Immigration & Refugee Programs
- Share Resources
- Strengthen Agency Networks
CCUSA: Border Deployment Updates

- Catholic Charities USA is continuing to deploy staff and tenured volunteers from local Catholic Charities agencies to assist with the influx of asylum seekers at the southern border.

- Since March 2019, CCUSA has deployed 175 volunteers from 29 agencies and various religious communities. We have recently limited the deployment effort only Tucson, AZ in response to shifting border policies.

- If you or your staff are interested in learning more, please contact Brigid McKeon at bmckeon@catholiccharitiesusa.org
CCUSA: Jackson, MS Deployments

• In response to the August 7th ICE raid, Catholic Charities of Jackson is requesting assistance from the network, in the form of deployments to provide case management and/or counseling to families affected.

• CCUSA is assisting Catholic Charities of Jackson by providing travel/lodging reimbursements to agencies which are able to send bilingual, Spanish speaking staff or well-known, credible Spanish speaking mental health clinicians to Mississippi to help serve the families in need.

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CCUSA put together a comprehensive document about people seeking asylum. The goal of the piece is to provide information about the legal process that allows people to seek shelter in the United States.

Please feel free to distribute copies of the document to staff and local community members.

Click here for Asylum Seekers 101
Reduction of Proposed Refugee Admissions

On September 26th, the President’s annual Report to Congress on Proposed Refugee Admissions for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 was announced. The Presidential Determination on Refugee Admissions Numbers for 2020 will be issued following consultation with Congress.

According to the document, they are suggesting an admission of 18,000 refugees which will be a 40% cut from the already historic low of 30,000 set for FY 2019.

“Any policy, however, should include generous provisions for accepting refugees who cannot return to their homelands. The U.S. must remain the beacon of hope to people who feel forgotten and abandoned by the world and maintain its status as a leader of refugee policy for all nations to follow.” said Sister Donna Markham, president and CEO of CCUSA.

Read CCUSA’s full statement here
The White House issued an executive order on September 26th that allows states and local governments to prevent refugee resettlement in their communities.

The order requires that both the state and the locality agree to refugees resettling in the particular locality. If either party refuses to partake in the resettlement process, the order bars refugees from being resettled in those areas.

States and localities must “opt-in” to the resettlement process.

The order means that states are able to prevent local communities from receiving refugees, even if the local community benefits from the new community members.
Sunday, September 29th was the World Day for Migrants and Refugees with the theme this year of “It’s Not Just About Migrants.”

USCCB was able to work with the Philippines to create the toolkit for the English Speaking world. The resources that were created can be found on the Justice for Immigrants website.

There were various celebrations going on across the country including in Kentucky, Chicago, Washington, DC and more.
USCCB provided a statement for the Oversight Hearing of the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies on Mental Health Needs of Children in HHS Custody. USCCB offered recommendations to help ensure that vulnerable unaccompanied children, including those with mental health needs, are connected to critical support services upon their release from federal custody.

- USCCB’s Written Statement
- Recording of Oversight Hearing: Mental Health Needs of Children in HHS Custody
- Serving Separated and Reunited Families: Lessons Learned and the Way Forward to Promote Family Unity
Upcoming Webinars

Trauma Informed-Care for the Adult Migrant Webinar
Date: Oct 18, 2019 at 2:00 PM EDT.

Join CCUSA staff to explore the effects of trauma in the adult migrant (Immigrants and Refugees). We will identify how trauma impacts the human body and how to recognize and understand the traumatic response. During this webinar we will recognize core principles for trauma informed care and ways to employ tools to help clients recover from traumatic experiences. Join our experts to define strategies to prevent secondary trauma and plan for self-care activities.

PLEASE NOTE: This webinar offers to participants 1.0 Continuing Education Credits.

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