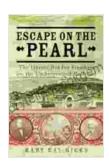
# Passage to Freedom: A Comprehensive Guide to Washington State's Assistance for Refugees and Immigrants

Refugees and immigrants in Washington state have access to a wide range of services and programs designed to help them adjust to their new lives and achieve their goals. These services include resettlement assistance, language classes, job training, and healthcare.

#### **Resettlement Assistance**

The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) provides resettlement assistance to refugees and immigrants who have been recently admitted to the United States. This assistance includes:



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- Help finding housing
- Assistance with food and clothing

- Referrals to medical and mental health services.
- Job training and placement
- Language classes
- Cultural orientation

#### **Language Classes**

Many refugees and immigrants need help learning English to succeed in their new country. The Washington State Department of Education provides English language classes to refugees and immigrants at no cost. These classes are available at various levels, from beginner to advanced.

#### **Job Training**

The Washington State Department of Commerce provides job training programs to refugees and immigrants. These programs help participants learn new skills, develop a resume, and find a job.

#### Healthcare

Refugees and immigrants have access to the same healthcare services as U.S. citizens. However, they may need help enrolling in health insurance and finding a doctor. The Washington State Health Care Authority provides assistance to refugees and immigrants who need help with healthcare.

#### **Other Services**

In addition to the services listed above, refugees and immigrants in Washington state may also have access to the following services:

- Legal assistance
- Financial assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Childcare assistance

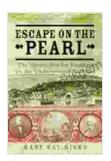
#### **How to Apply for Services**

Refugees and immigrants can apply for services from the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). To apply, they will need to provide proof of their refugee or immigrant status.

#### Resources

- Washington State Department of Social and Health Services: https://www.dshs.wa.gov/
- Washington State Department of Education: https://www.k12.wa.us/
- Washington State Department of Commerce: https://www.commerce.wa.gov/
- Washington State Health Care Authority: https://www.hca.wa.gov/

Washington state is committed to helping refugees and immigrants succeed. A wide range of services and programs are available to help them adjust to their new lives and achieve their goals.



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