

The world's refugee population currently stands at over 15 million. Since 1975, nearly 3 million refugees have made new homes in the United States – more than any other nation in the world.

Our Mission

Our mission is to assist refugee and immigrant families in becoming self-sufficient in the United States by providing services to help them attain the English language, life, job and academic skills they need to succeed in their new communities.

RT's Students Are:

- Refugees, asylees, and immigrants
- Youth, adults, seniors, and families
- 100% low income
- 100% limited English proficient
- 27% non-literate
- 75% women
- Among the most technologically and socially isolated members of their communities
- Successful, with over 80% of adults achieving learning gains above state and national averages and over 80% of youth improving their academic performance and developing healthy relationships with role models

What We Do

- Provide **home-based English language and civics education** instruction across the Bay Area
- Provide **family support** for those in need of extra assistance
- Offer **ESL teacher training** for graduate students in teaching programs looking to gain experience
- Create **leadership opportunities** for refugee youth and adults
- Manage **ESL classes and after-school tutoring** programs in the community
- **Match volunteers with recent refugees and immigrants** to provide 50-75 hours of individualized home-based instruction
- Serve **over 650 clients** per year in three counties
- Train **over 250 volunteers** per year and provide them with curricula and ongoing support

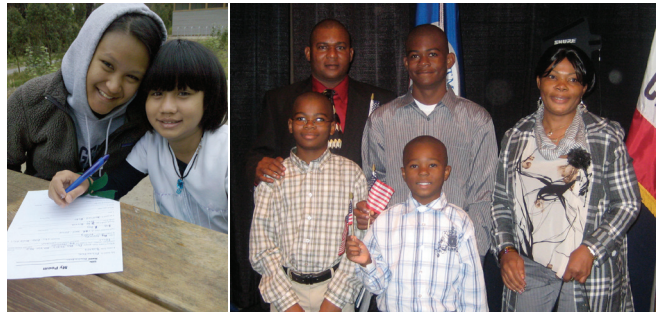
Programs & Services

Our efforts foster significant language improvements, increased access to community resources and job opportunities, better understanding of the school system, and the ability to form healthy relationships.



Home-Based Tutoring for Youth and Adults

We offer individualized, home-based ESL and civics education instruction. Tutors help adult and youth students learn the language and literacy skills needed to engage more actively in their new environments, prepare for the citizenship exam, succeed academically, and access important civic institutions and community resources.



On-Site Programs

RT offers several ESL classes for adults at schools, family resource centers, and other convenient locations. We also offer after-school tutoring programs for youth at San Francisco International High School and Oakland International High School.

Refugee Leadership Opportunities

Adult **Community Navigator Interns** are given the opportunity to build skills while assisting members of their own ethnic groups to learn English, access local resources, and advance towards self-sufficiency.

Our **Refugee Youth Leader Program** provides youth with a structured environment in which to learn leadership skills, network with other young refugee leaders, receive academic guidance and counseling, develop peer tutoring skills, and learn how to link their communities to existing local resources.

Family Support Services

Staff and refugee interns help clients access vital community resources and provide family advocacy for newly arrived refugees, single mothers, and others in need of individualized support.



What Makes Us Unique

- Our volunteers get **excellent training and support**, making them highly effective and very comfortable in their role as instructors and mentors
- We offer **the only home-based ESL programs in the Bay Area**, which allows us to help students who cannot be reached by other programs and to provide a rich experience for our volunteers
- **Volunteers develop a close bond with their students**, getting to know them personally and weave that knowledge into their teaching

Become a volunteer. Make a donation.
Visit www.reftrans.org or call 415-989-2151.

RT Serves... Refugees, Asylees and Immigrants

Refugees are people who have a well-founded fear of persecution in their country of origin because of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Refugees are brought to a country by the government and given permanent residency.

Asylees seek sanctuary in another country and then apply for 'asylum' – the right to be recognized as a bona fide refugee and to receive legal protection.

Immigrants migrate voluntarily to another country for many reasons, including work, study, and family reunification.

This is more than just language instruction



“Working with Mu Sah has been a fulfilling and humbling experience for me. As I teach her about her new community and America, I have been learning grace, patience, and a positive attitude.”

Minoo Ayat, RT Volunteer

“When I don’t know the words, [my tutor] teaches me what they mean. We also have fun together. We made pizzas, and she taught me how to ride a bike! She is a great teacher and a great friend.”

Praseela, RT Student

“RT is a top notch program to work with. Their work is timely, of excellent quality, and meets the needs of students and staff.”

*Carmelita Reyes, Principal,
Oakland International High School*

How To Get Involved:
You can help RT by becoming a volunteer or making a donation. Please visit our website at www.reftrans.org or contact our main office at 415-989-2151.

Web: www.reftrans.org

Email: info@reftrans.org

San Jose, CA 95126

1922 The Alameda, Suite 425

Phone: 510-834-6000

Oakland, CA 94612

1212 Broadway, Suite 702

Fax: 415-989-2153

Phone: 415-989-2151

San Francisco, CA 94102

870 Market Street, Suite 718

Main Office:



Refugee Transitions



Help the community...change your world

Home-Based ESL and Civics Education
Refugee Leadership Training
ESL Classes in the Community
After-School Tutoring
Family Support Services

*Serving refugees and immigrants in the
Bay Area since 1982*