Refugee Welcome Collective

Newcomer's Planning for Sponsorship Pack

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Newcomer Sponsorship Plan

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Sponsorship Plan

Through sponsorship, newcomers and sponsors work together for a sponsorship period of about 90 days. During the sponsorship period, newcomers and sponsors do important activities. They connect newcomers to the community for a strong start.

The sponsor and newcomer can complete the Sponsorship Plan together.

WHAT: The Sponsorship Plan focus on important areas in sponsorship. The Plan says what has been done. It also says what sponsors and newcomers will do next as they reach goals. Newcomers may complete some of these focus areas with resettlement agency staff or on their own.

WHEN: Complete the Sponsorship Plan at the beginning and then again at the middle of the sponsorship period.

WHY: After completing this plan, newcomers and sponsors will be able to:

- celebrate progress they have made in sponsorship

- agree on next steps

HOW: Start with the first focus area. Identify the key things done in this focus area and write them in column "A." Then, decide the next steps. Write this in column "B". When you have finished, make a copy of the plan or take a picture so that both newcomers and sponsors have the plan.

Focus area	A. What has been done in this area?	B. How will the sponsors and newcomers work together in this area moving forward?
Example: Housing	*Example: Newcomers have moved into their new home.*	*Example: Newcomers and sponsors will review the lease.*
Example: Interpretation and Translation	*Example: The sponsor found out information about interpreters at the doctor's office.*	*Example: The sponsor and newcomer will practice asking for interpreters at the doctor's office and school. The sponsor and newcomer will download interpretation apps on newcomer's phone.*

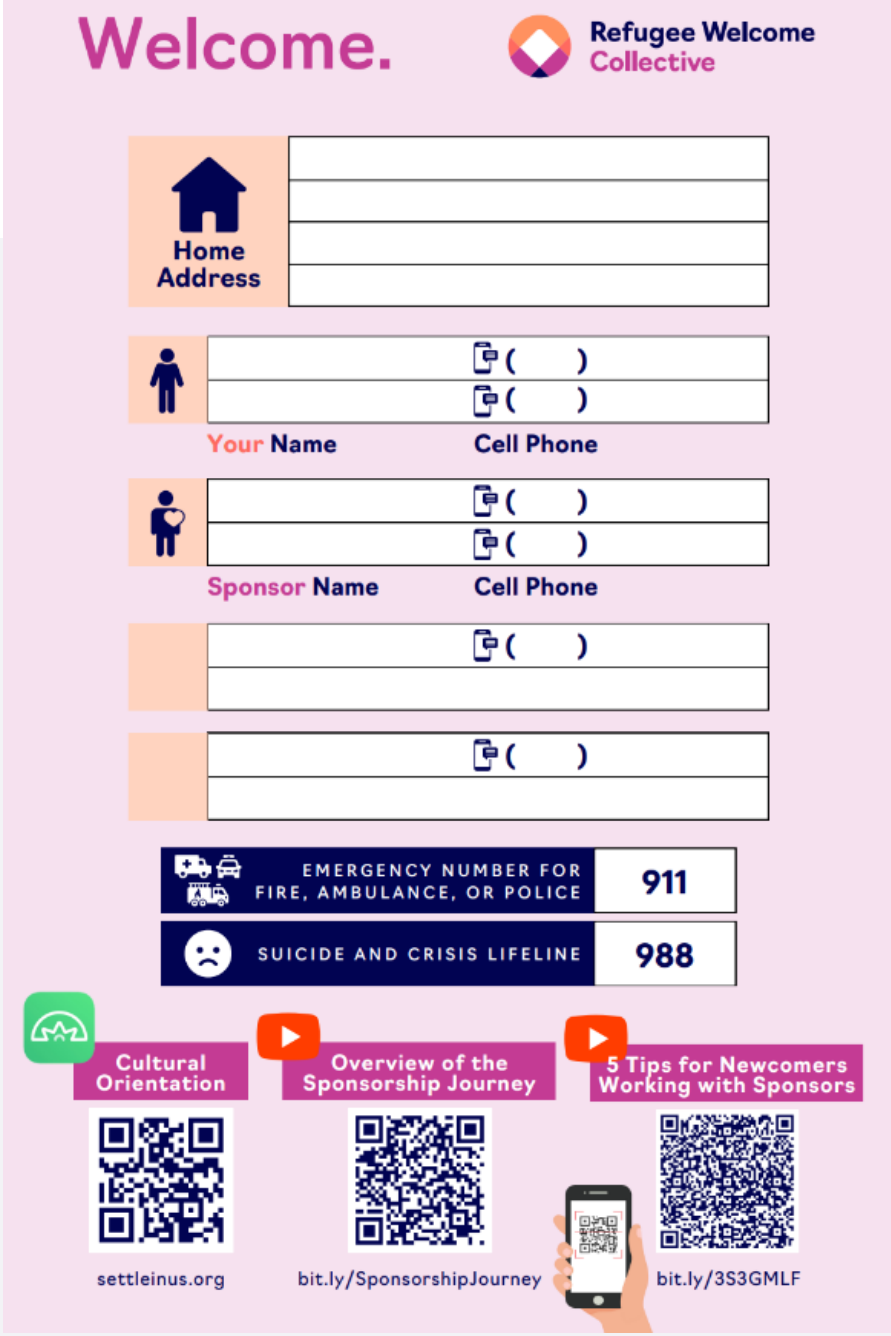
Housing		
Clothing, furniture, and food		
Documentation AR-11, Employment Authorization Document, I-94, ID, Selective Service registration, Social Security card		
Benefits and services		
Health and mental health services		
Education and childcare		
Language		
Interpretation and translation		

Meeting Guides

- Transition Dates
  - Arrival (1wk)
  - Midpoint (6wks)
  - Transition (2wks prior to end)
- Guide Contents
  - Starter questions (reflection)
  - Transition questions (assessing and pivoting)
  - Transition activities
    - Sponsorship plan
    - Calendar

Newcomer Important Contacts

- Promotes self-sufficiency
- Links to other valuable resources
- Integrated into other toolkit resources.



Overview of Sponsorship Journey

- What does the sponsorship journey look like for refugee newcomers?
- What support do newcomers receive through sponsorship?
- Who are sponsors and what motivates them?