Enhancing child care for refugee self-sufficiency: A training resource and toolkit [1]

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Description: In December 2005, Bridging Refugee Youth and Children's Services (BRYCS) in collaboration with RefugeeWorks (Office of Refugee Resettlement technical assistance provider for refugee self-sufficiency and employment) began to examine child care access among refugee parents, guardians and care givers. It was found that regardless of region, refugee resettlement workers identify child care as a significant issue impacting employment and ultimately self-sufficiency. We also found that in many regions there is little contact between refugee serving agencies and mainstream child care services. In response to these findings, BRYCS compiled this resource and curriculum to aid refugee resettlement workers in minimizing child care issues as an employment and self-sufficiency barrier. This resource contains information, reference materials, and sample training modules for employment specialists and case managers. It is designed to help agencies increase their capacity to serve refugee clients and provide them with a spectrum of child care options. Information is also relevant to program directors to assess if adequate internal processes are operating to sufficiently address child care issues.
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