

## The Refugee Center and Community School at Reynolds Middle School

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## More about our Partners

The IU13 Community Education Program provides all staffing for the Refugee Center; English as a Second Language (ESL) instruction; Citizenship classes; and serves as the fiscal agent for the Center. The School District of Lancaster provides us with space at Reynolds Middle School, evening access for community programming, and financial support to ensure the sustainability of our operations. Reynolds Middle School is the selected site of our center because of the high number of refugee students who attend the school. The Literacy Council of Lancaster-Lebanon also provides ESL instruction, as well as academic skills, GED (high school equivalency), career pathways, and post-secondary education preparation. Franklin and Marshall College provides student interns and supervises the AmeriCorps-Vista intern who helps staff our office; and Lancaster Health Center provides school based health care that is available to all students and their families within the School District of Lancaster

Church World Service and Bethany Christian Services support refugee families during the critical first 90 days a family lives in America by helping them with housing, clothing, food and medical appointments, while orienting them to their new home. However, some of those services end after 90 days. Then, they refer those families to us, as the needs of refugee families do not end after 90 days!

Our collaborations and partnerships with local organizations have grown dramatically since our inception in 2015. We now work with over thirty organizations to provide much needed services and programs to welcome, support and integrate refugee and immigrant newcomers to our community.



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