



PROMISE

REFUGEE YOUTH

Our Community

Utah is home to an estimated 30,000 plus refugees, the majority live in the Salt Lake Valley. Approximately 1000 refugees from various countries arrive to Utah each year, the majority of which are from Sudan, Somalia, Burma, Bhutan, Congo and Iraq. These individuals and families receive support for the first two years of residence in Utah from one or more of Utah's refugee-serving agencies including: Asian Association of Utah, Catholic Community Services, and the International Rescue Committee. Various other nonprofit, government, religious and community organizations provide basic needs support and other programming.

The Promise Refugee Youth partnership is a non-traditional approach to aligning strategies to directly improve academic outcomes for refugee youth and young adults.

Our Promise

The partnership requires a two-fold promise and commitment from all partners. The first is a commitment that in order for refugee youth and families to succeed academically and achieve post-secondary education or obtain vocational training, they must receive aligned and targeted support from refugee serving organizations.

To achieve this promise, Refugee Partners commit to work together in a new Collective Impact way across organizations and programs and to create a sustainable system that begins with resettlement and continues beyond organizational missions.

Refugee Youth Goal

Every refugee youth in the Salt Lake and Granite school district, ages 10-25 years old, will obtain a GED/graduate from high school and go on to post-secondary education and/or vocation training.

Promise Partners

- 2M Strategic Consulting
- Asian Association of Utah
- Catholic Community Services
- City of South Salt Lake
- International Rescue Committee
- Granite School District
- United Way of Salt Lake
- Utah Department of Workforce Services– Refugee Services Office



“United Way’s movement on Collective Impact and collaborative partnerships is really changing the way that non-profits are working and is improving the services we provide. We’re now more strategic, we work better together, and together, we will be able to generate more resources for the clients that we are focused on.”

Patrick Poulin
International Rescue Committee

UNITED WAY NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS



Promise Partners align strategies and deliver programs in schools, apartment complexes, and community centers.

Strategies

Refugee serving organizations provide a strong network of support for youth and families that help carry them beyond resettlement boundaries. The partnership collaborated on implementing the Tumaini Welcome and Transition Center in Granite School District last year, will implement a pilot to provide personalized mentoring support for a small cohort of refugee youth at Granite Park Junior High and is pursuing ways to increase parent engagement. With the appropriate data-sharing agreements, the partnership can identify student challenges and strengths, provide targeted support and view impact in real time.

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