

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

PROGRAM TARGET 5: Global Impact
Refugees in America Assistance Program (RAAP)

Goal: AKA will assist refugees of African descent to integrate into life in the United States, while also increasing awareness of refugee issues and concerns.

Strategies: Chapters will focus on refugees of African diaspora in their communities who may need assistance adapting to American life. Partnerships with organizations providing services to these refugees will be developed. Refugees will be engaged in activities and provided with resources and contacts that facilitate their successful integration into American life, such as literacy classes and other support.

Chapter Overview

Alpha Beta Omega Chapter, New Orleans, LA: RAAP

Team was established August 2018 at the first chapter meeting following the installation of the 30th International Supreme Basileus and 2018-2022 International Program *#Excellence* Roll-out at 2018 Boule. Refugees in America Assistance Program (RAAP) is a sub-target or initiative of Target V-Global Impact. RAAP has multiple foci and Community Impact days associated with it.

The strength of the program lies in its collaboration with chapter targets, undergraduate chapters, and community partners. 2018-2020 focus was on establishing partners, determining needs within the community and setting up programs that would endure over time. The RAAP team has been prolific and very successful in executing this program and securing partners, e.g., NOCHP@Tulane, Esperanza Charter School, Einstein Charter Schools, JLNO, and YMCA, etc.

RAAP continues building relationships and serving all mankind especially those seeking refuge in the United States of America. We work with agencies serving documented as well as undocumented refugees in the Greater New Orleans Area.

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Refugee Resources 2021 Listing

Greater New Orleans Area



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New Orleans, LA

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1. African Christian Fellowship (ACF), New Orleans; 7531B Chef Menteur Hwy; Gabriel Ojo, Liaison; https://www.acfnola.org/pages/about_us#history; Innocent Souopgui, President, 985-285-1862 isoupgui@acfnola.org;

Serving the social and service needs of African immigrant community GNO area

2. Catholic Charities Archdiocese of NOLA

www.ccano.org; Phone: (504) 457-3462, (504) 310-6862 FAX: (504) 523-6962. Julie Y. Ward, Director of Immigration and Refugee Services jward@ccano.org; 2505 Maine Avenue, Metairie, LA 70003. Volunteers contact: Lilian Alvarez, Assoc. Dir. Ph.: (504) 310-878

Welcomes new Americans to the GNO area with case management. Support basic needs of the newly-arrived eligible clients to ensure their self-sufficiency and integration into our community; DACA help with completing forms; Food Pantry

3. Congreso de Jornaleros /Congress of Day

Labourers; The New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice's (NOWCRJ); www.nowcrj.org; Chloé Sigal, Lead Organizer csigal@nowcrj.org; Rachel Taber, Organizer rtaber@nowcrj.org; 504-258-1000; NO Workers Center for Racial Justice; Congresso. *Needs people to accompany to ICE check in; childcare during meetings Wednesdays at First Grace church on Canal; Teach-In on Immigrants*

4. Delgado Community College Conversation

Partners ESL Program - City Park Campus Angela "Betty" Speyrer-Program Director, (504) 237-1093 aspeyr@dcc.edu *Conversations in English with students enrolled in ESL class: 12-1pm and 6-7pm*

5. Einstein Charter Schools, NOLA, Teisha Goudeau teisha_goudeau@einsteincharterschools.org

Education collaborative partner, academic year 2020-2021. Einstein Schools has a total of 4

Campuses (2 Elementary, 1 Middle & 1 High School) in New Orleans East/9th Ward educating over 1,850 ethnically diverse scholars.

6. EL PUEBLO NOLA=NOLA VILLAGE; 5112 East Nemours St. New Orleans, LA 70129; Cristiane Rosales-Fajardo, Founder (504) 575-6333. cristi.nolavillage@gmail.com

Connecting and serving undocumented immigrant/refugee families GNO area.

7. Esperanza Charter School 4407 S. Carrollton Ave. New Orleans, LA 70119, Ph: (504) 593-8375, Mary Moran; Avis Flint, K-4 Division Head; avis.flint@choiceschoolsno.org; natasha.doughty@choiceschoolsno.org; nicole.saulney@choiceschoolsno.org;

K-8; Tutoring and Test Prep

8. Goodwill Industries 3400 Tulane Ave, Ste 1000, New Orleans, LA Contrissa Smith, LMSW, Program Manager, 504-457-2277 csmith@goodwillno.org

9. Junior League of New Orleans (JLNO), 4319 Carondelet, NOLA 70115. 504-891-5845 Member Service; Kristen Brooks kristen@jlno.org; Kate Argote, JLNO Diaper Bank chair, diaperbankkate@gmail.com; jlnodiaperbank.org; *Diaper Bank; Grants funding women's programs, etc.*

10. The Louisiana Organization for Refugees and Immigrants (LORI); Phone: 225-303-4665; Email: info@mylori.org. *Assist refugees and immigrants throughout their various stages of integration in LA and other states, enabling them to become self-reliant. We also cater to LA residents who are interested in learning about different cultures.*

11. Loyola University College of Law - Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice 7214 St. Charles Avenue, Box 902 (504) 861-5595; <http://www.loyno.edu/lawclinic>;

hkusuda@loyno.edu;

Loyola, Jesuit Social Research Institute Susan Weishar, Migration Specialist; 504-864-7749; 480-522-0533; sweishar@loyno.edu *The Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law provides low-income and indigent clients with student representation under the supervision of Clinic Professor.*

12. Luke's House Clinic 2023 Simon Bolivar Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70113; programs@lukeshouseclinic.org Rebecca Tamayo, Program Director, 504-444-7879

Healthcare services for mostly Hispanic/LatinX immigrant population in NOLA; also, advocate for language access (video translation or in-person) at UMC and other local clinics

13. New Orleans Children's Health Project@Tulane (NOCHP); Tulane School of Medicine, 1430 Tulane Ave. #8637 Rm 4536, NOLA 70112 Jeanne McKay, Program Manager 504-988-0545 jmckay1@tulane.edu <http://communitypediatrics.tulane.edu> <https://www.facebook.com/NewOrleansChildrensHealthProject/?ref=nf&pnref=story>

Collaborative Diaper Bank; Pediatric Health care service for 1200 in GNO area

14. Palestinian Solidarity Committee

Palestinian/Syrian group; Alice Salamen, 504-312-8953. *Connects to volunteers; Egyptian, Palestinian and Syrians*

15. Project Ishmael 3401 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70119; <http://www.projectishmaelnola.org/ProjectishmaelNOLA@gmail.com> (504) 233-3057. *Adjustment of Status, Asylum applications, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Removal hearings, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, T visas, U visas.*