

PRESENTING:
THE CHICAGO
STUDENT REFUGEE
COALITION

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Southern Border Crisis

In the past year, 100s of thousands of refugees have come through Latin America into the USA, this influx is due to a few main reasons:

- Darien Gap Crossing
- US Policy
- Violence in Mexico

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Darien Gap

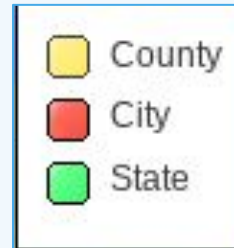
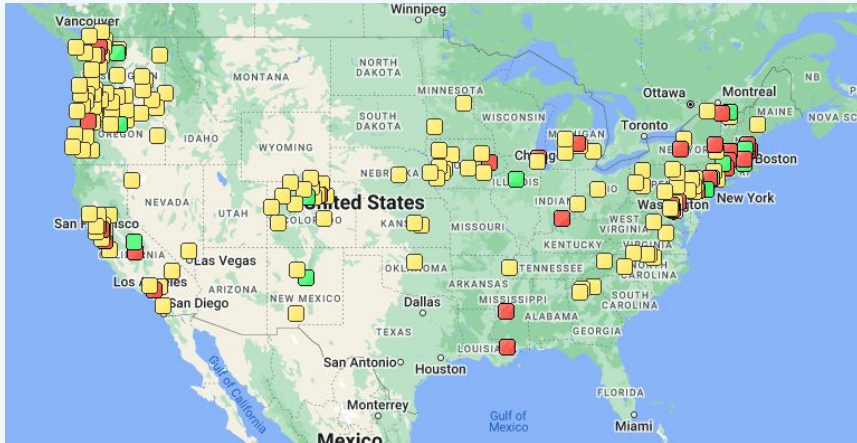


Daniel Becerril/Reuters

Sanctuary Cities



In order to provide the refugees who cross the border with both Safety and security, a number of “Sanctuary Cities” have been established.



KEY STATISTICS



17,000+

Refugees have
arrived in
Chicago since
08/2022



18

Migrant shelters
in the
Chicagoland
Area



2,900+

Migrants
sleeping on
floors of police
stations

Chicago

Recently arrived migrants sit on cots and the floor of a makeshift shelter operated by the city at O'Hare International Airport.

Photo: Armando L. Sanchez/Chicago Tribune/Tribune News Service via Getty Images (Retrieved from Axios)



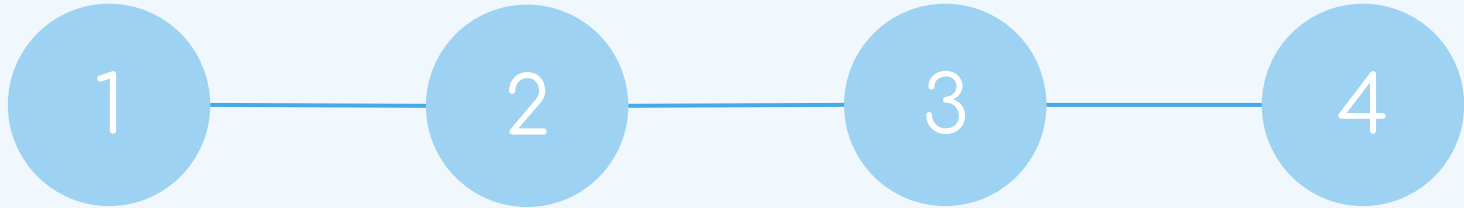
Migrants outside a Chicago police station. (WTTW News)





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UNHCR: Key Rights for All Children



The right to care and assistance appropriate to their age and developmental needs

The right to education

The right to health services

The right to participate in decisions about their future

UNHCR's efforts to ensure quality education and healthcare for refugee children



Educate A Child

Partnership helped over 1.2 million children gain access to primary school

Family Reunification Network

Works to support separated refugee families and enhance access to family reunification procedures.

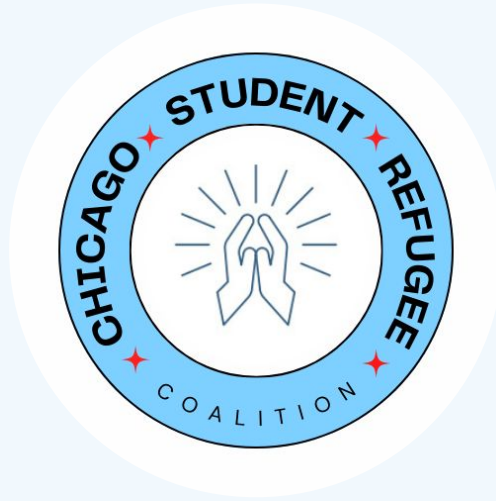
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So Where Do We Come In?

An Important Angle

Alongside their basic needs, newcomer children deserve social and emotional connections with others like them: students, in particular.





Our Mission

The CSRC aims to foster a strong community among students in Chicago and to uplift and empower the new arrival student population.

Our Initiatives

How have we worked to accomplish our mission?

CRC & IRUSA: Day of Dignity

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Little Amal @ Jordan Community Public School



Welcoming Little Amal from The Walk
(walkwithamal.org) at Pottawattomie
Park in Rogers Park



2023 Windy City SportsFest!

Our first self-planned event allowed us to connect and build community through the universal language of sports!



UNA Chicago: Presentation on Protecting Refugee Children





Next Steps for the CSRC



How can you help?

Each of you has the ability to make a huge difference in the lives of our fellow students.

“A true community is not just about being geographically close to someone or part of the same social web network.

It's about feeling connected and responsible for what happens. ***Humanity is our ultimate community, and everyone plays a crucial role.***”

-Yehuda Berg



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Thank you for your time!



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