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Leveraging Schools to Support Benefits Access for Immigrant Communities

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AGENDA

- Catholic Charities USA's National Reach & Impact
- Catholic Charities USA's National Food & Nutrition Support
- The Journey: From the Border to the Respite Center
- The Journey: From the Respite Center to the Interior Agencies
- Q&A

Today's Panel

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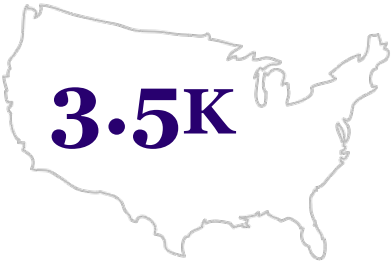


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Catholic Charities: Unmatched Community Reach

Catholic Charities operates everywhere,
because poverty is found everywhere



Affiliate sites in the U.S. and 5 territories

260K

Volunteers

*Partnering with other secular and faith-based organizations at
both the national and local community-based levels*

15M *people served annually*



Catholic Charities fights poverty on every front

-  Food and Nutrition
-  Affordable Housing
-  Employment
-  Integrated Health
-  Disaster Preparedness and Recovery
-  Refugees and Asylum Seekers
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Catholic Charities has worked *for 115 years*
to provide help and hope for millions of
Americans., 38 million of whom live in poverty.

Our Impact



Working to Reduce Poverty in America

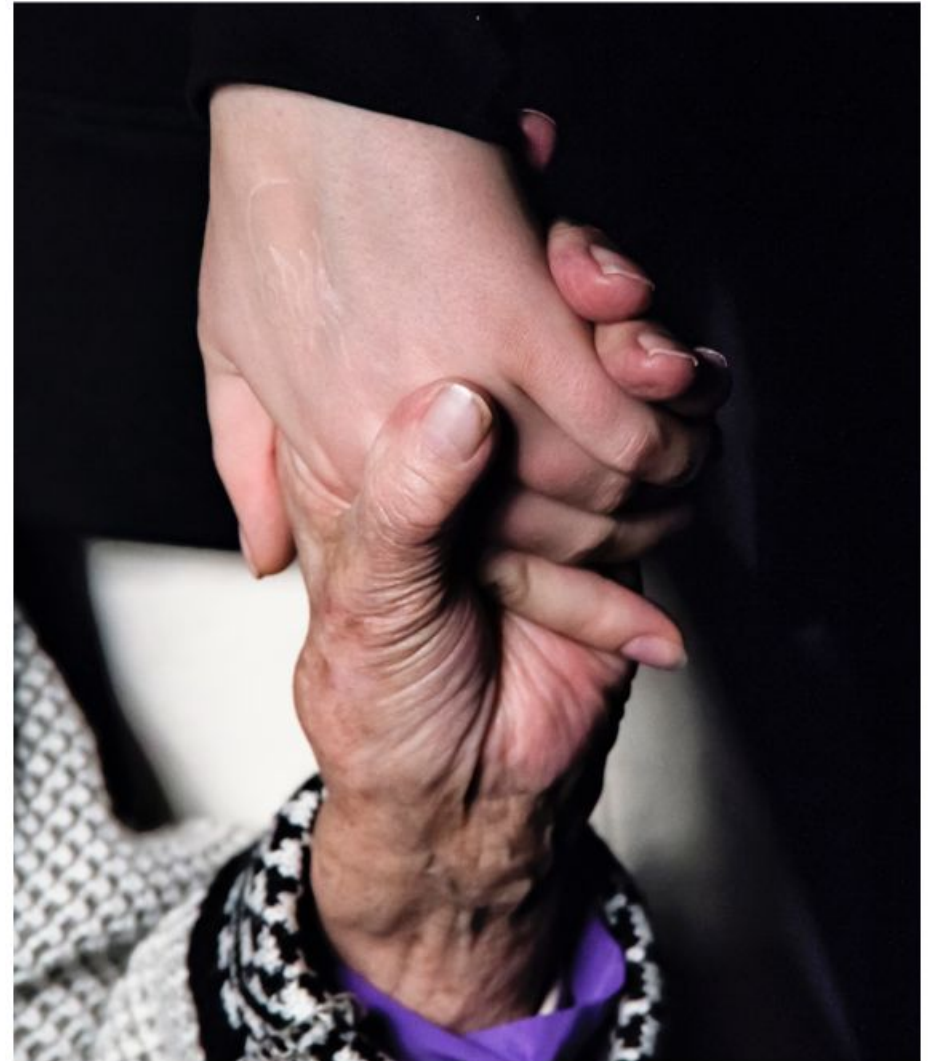
IN ONE YEAR...

12M people fed

1.5M disaster survivors received emergency services

600K people received health and wellness services

520K asylum seekers served



Who is an asylum seeker?



An asylum seeker is a person who has been forced to flee their country of origin due to persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or a particular social group.

Who is an asylum seeker?

Upon arriving at the U.S. border, they turn themselves into federal authorities and request asylum.

- They are released by the government to organizations like Catholic Charities.
- Asylum seekers have limited eligibility for federal benefits programs; however, if they have U.S. citizen children, they may apply on their behalf.
- They are not permitted to work for the first several months in the country,

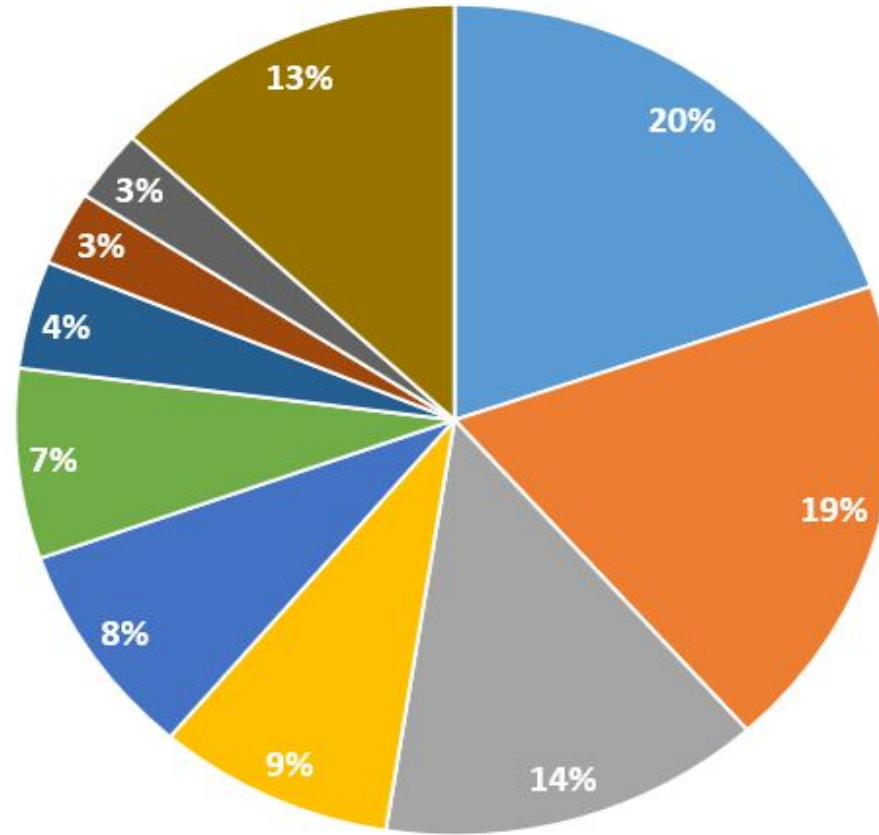


Comprehensive Case Management: Tailored for Each Person

The scope of our services means Catholic Charities is uniquely situated to put people on a trajectory of permanent economic and personal stability.

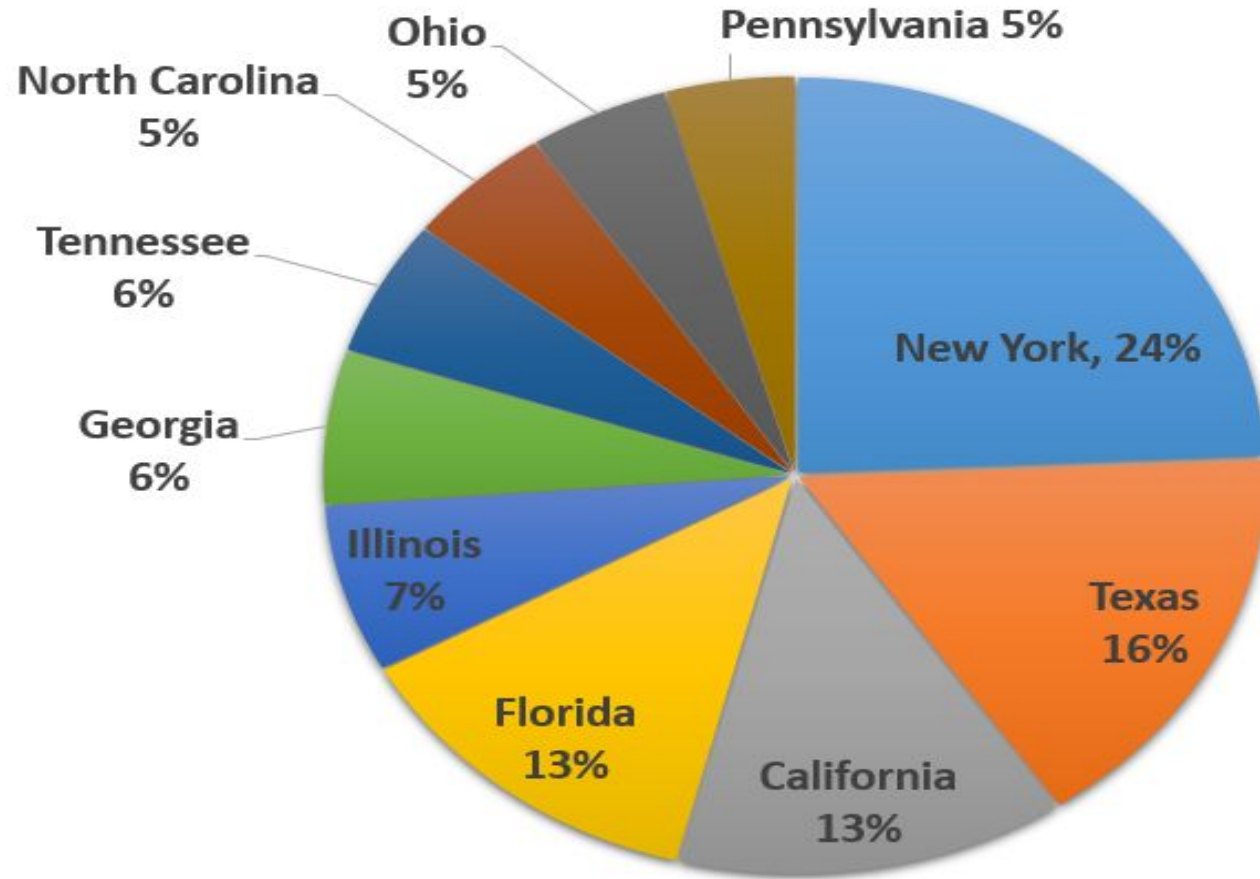


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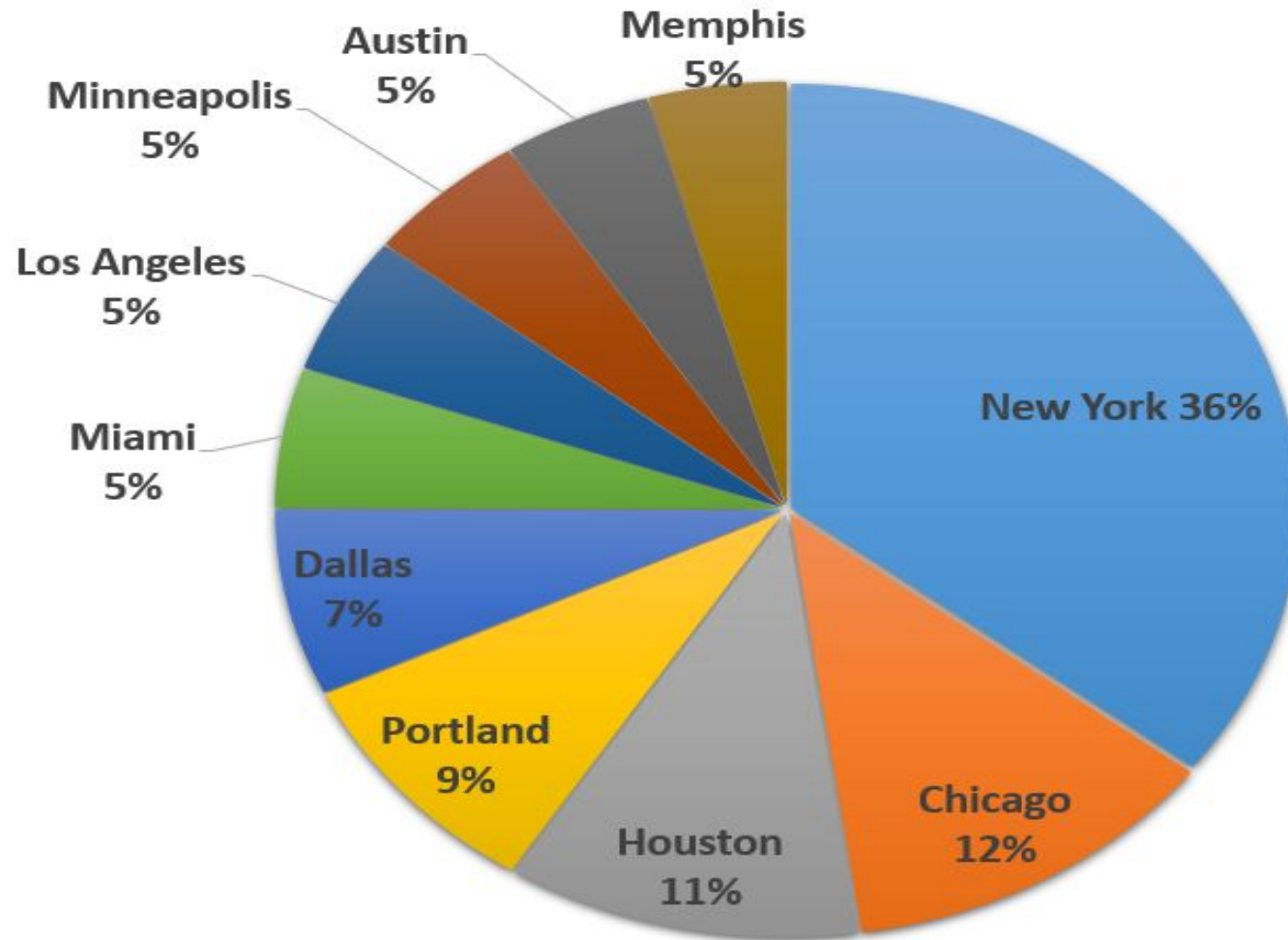


- Venezuela
- Mexico
- Guatemala
- Equador
- Honduras
- Haiti
- Senegal
- Columbia
- Cuba
- Others

Destinations by State



Destinations by City



Catholic Charities USA's Food & Nutrition Support



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Catholic Charities' Work in Food and Nutrition

- CCUSA Typically serves close to 12 million individuals in food-related services annually. Services include:
 - Child Nutrition – Summer Meals and After-School
 - Benefits Enrollment – Particularly SNAP and WIC
 - WIC – In selective states, Catholic Charities agencies operate WIC centers
 - Food distribution – pantries and food banks
 - Nutrition Education
 - Congregate dining – Seniors, Children and Homeless
 - In Home Delivery – Meals on Wheels and other related programs
 - Community Garden

During COVID-19 –the network responded by serving close to 18 million individuals during March – December of the second year of the pandemic.

Catholic Charities' Work in Food and Nutrition

- Staff CCUSA Food and Nutrition Community of Practice (COP)
- Host webinars on best practice/topical issues such as:
 - Changes to Summer Meals Program
 - Medicaid Expansion on “Food as Medicine”
- Work with Social Policy to help bring voice of network to advocacy on Federal Nutrition issues

The Journey: From the Border to the Respite Centers



Working to Reduce Poverty in America

The Journey Begins

- Once being released from federal custody, asylees are transported to a Catholic Charities Respite Center, where their stay is usually less than 48 hours.
- These Centers, located on or near the southern border, provide basic humanitarian services that includes water, food, clothing, hygiene products, and shelter. Translation services are in great demand.
- Also offered are a place to shower, basic medical care, and the opportunity to receive **legal counsel**, and the chance to connect with family or friends already in the U.S.

* The case management process begins



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- Crossing the border after months, from no food at all to a culturally preferred food
- Case management is basic in the acculturation process of newcomers
- Food is a basic part of trauma informed care service.



Current Trends Along The Border

- Since August, our Catholic Charities Agencies along the southern border have served more than 520,240 asylees
- On average – 1,840 people daily, who received:
 - Basic medical care
 - Hot meals
 - A chance to shower
 - New clothing (and shoes)
 - Safe place to sleep
 - Connection with sponsors
 - Education on federal benefits programs



These clients have represent-

- 162 nationalities, and 90 different languages.

Respite Centers: Client-Reported Data



- In conversations with case managers, asylee data reflects:
 - 100% need assistance navigating legal system*
 - 92% need access to medical services
 - 88% report being food insecure
 - 78% need assistance accessing education for children

****Legal representation is critical, as, without it, as few as 6% will win their cases to stay.***

The Journey Continues: Catholic Charities Agencies in the Interior

- Case management may continue at these new locations as asylees settle in their new communities and await legal proceedings. This will likely take years.



- Support focuses specifically on eight service domains to establish and maintain stability:
 - Housing
 - **Food security**
 - Physical health/medical care
 - Transportation and mobility
 - **Children's education**
 - Resiliency/emotional health
 - Cultural and social adjustment
 - Immigration legal services

The Journey: From the Respite Centers to the Interior Agencies



Immigration Data and Trends— Interior Destinations

- The need for continued support across interior destinations also increased and is especially acute in New York City, Miami, Chicago, and most recently, Denver.
- In the greater Washington, DC Area, our agencies are receiving a significant influx of walk-in asylum-seekers who have learned about Catholic Charities' services through word-of-mouth from 'peers.'

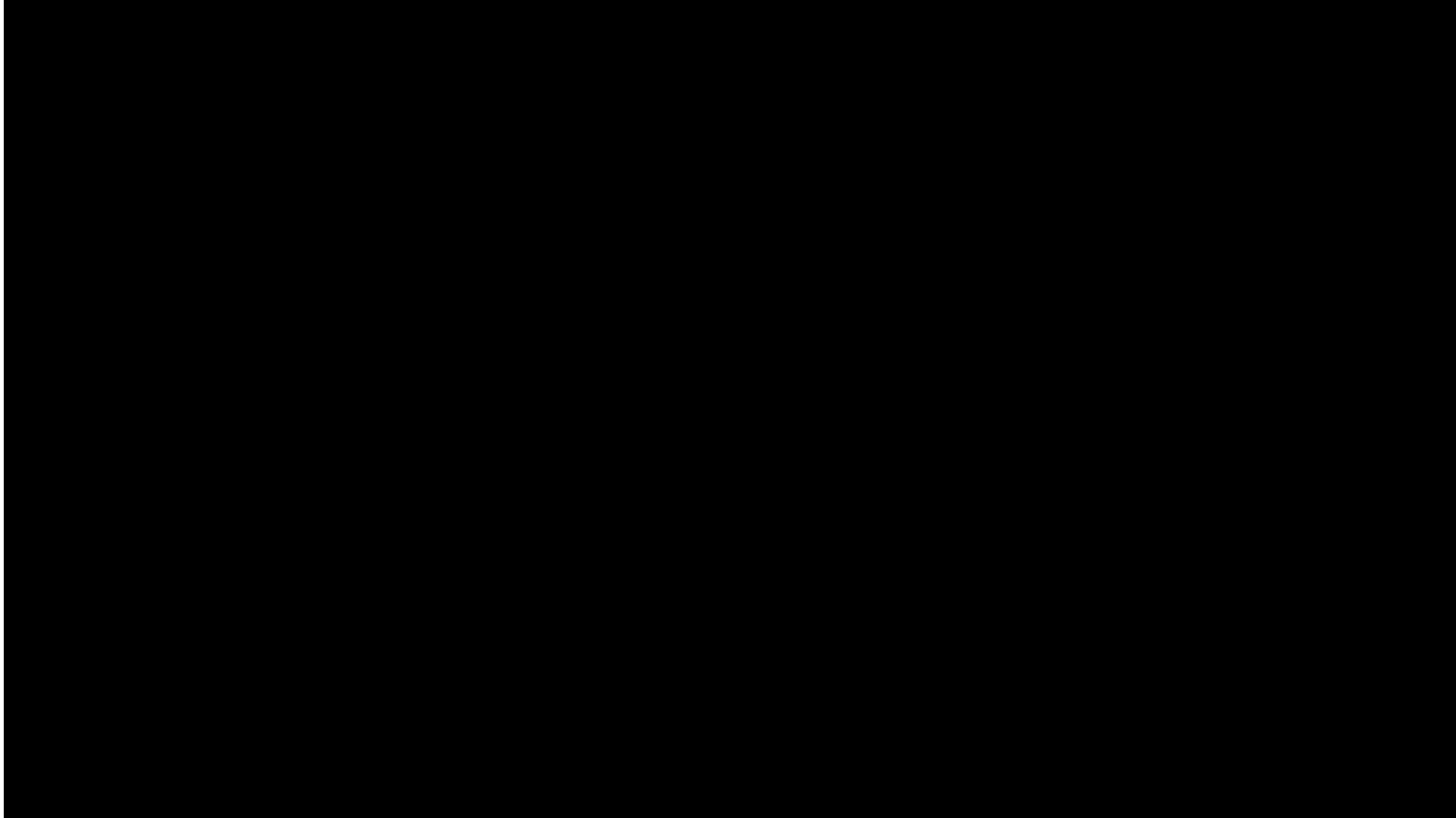


Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Oklahoma City



- Welcomed over 1,800 Afghan parolees within 6 months of the after the evacuation from Kabul.
 - An unprecedented number after years of reduced numbers in refugee resettlement and staff.

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Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Washington

- History of our work with migrants the arrival of the buses
- Transformation of services from welcoming to case management
- Case Management Services
- Education and Nutrition Services
- Key Data Points
- The Current Situation and Looking Ahead



Q&A



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