



Refugee Advisory Council of Washington State
Welcoming Washington: Helping New Neighbors with Employment and Training
Virtual Public Forum
Thursday, September 22, 2022
10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter/Moderator
10:00 to 10:10	Welcome and Introductions	Patricia Castaneda Refugee Advisory Council Chair, Executive Director, Manzanita House in Spokane, WA
10:10 – 10:20	WA State Refugee Assistance Updates	Sarah Peterson State Refugee Coordinator Chief - Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance , Department of Social and Health Services
10:20 - 10:30	Health Updates	Jasmine Matheson State Refugee Health Coordinator Department of Health
10:30 – 10:55	DSHS – ORIA funded Employment and Training Programs	Jennifer Malloy Program Administrator, Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Artur Arakelyan Program Manager, Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance, McKenzie Nassiri Program Manager, Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance
10:55 – 11:05	Networking Moments – Breakout Rooms	What employment needs do you see in your community?
11:05 – 11:25	FedEx Career Opportunities Presentation	Steven Body Senior Manager, Facility Operations FedEx Ground, Kent WA
11:25 – 11:55	Panel Discussion: - <i>Refugee Career Pathway</i> - <i>Career Ladders for Educated and Vocationally Experience Refugees</i>	Kitty Kitnikone , Workforce Snohomish Linda Faaren , Puget Sound Welcome Back Center at Highline College Paige Vogel , Jewish Family Service Ginny To , TRAC Associates Bertrand Tabi , World Relief
11:55 – 12:00	Wrap-up and close	Patricia Castaneda Refugee Advisory Council Chair, Executive Director, Manzanita House in Spokane, WA