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Washington's Ukrainian Welcoming Task Force

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

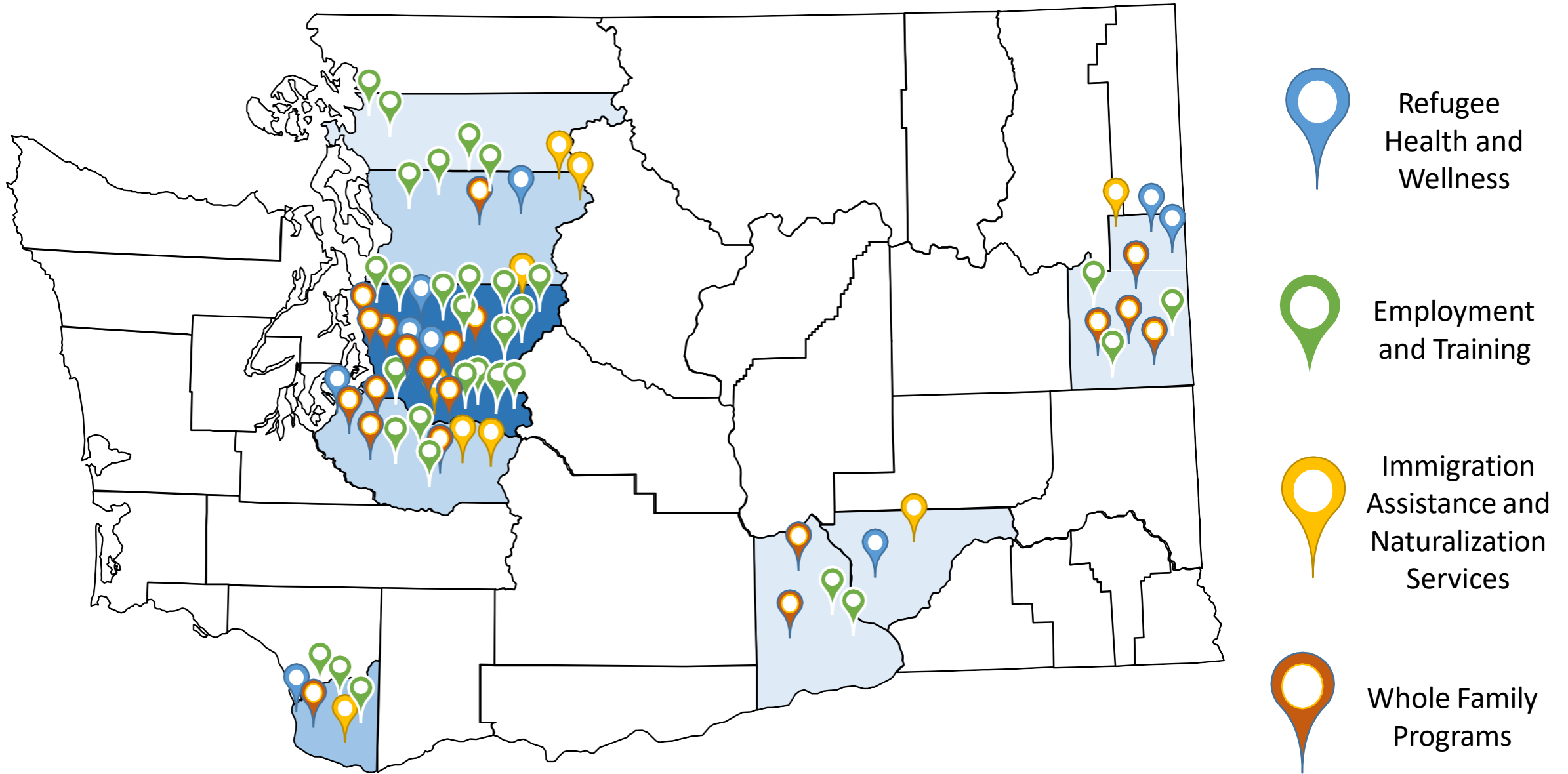
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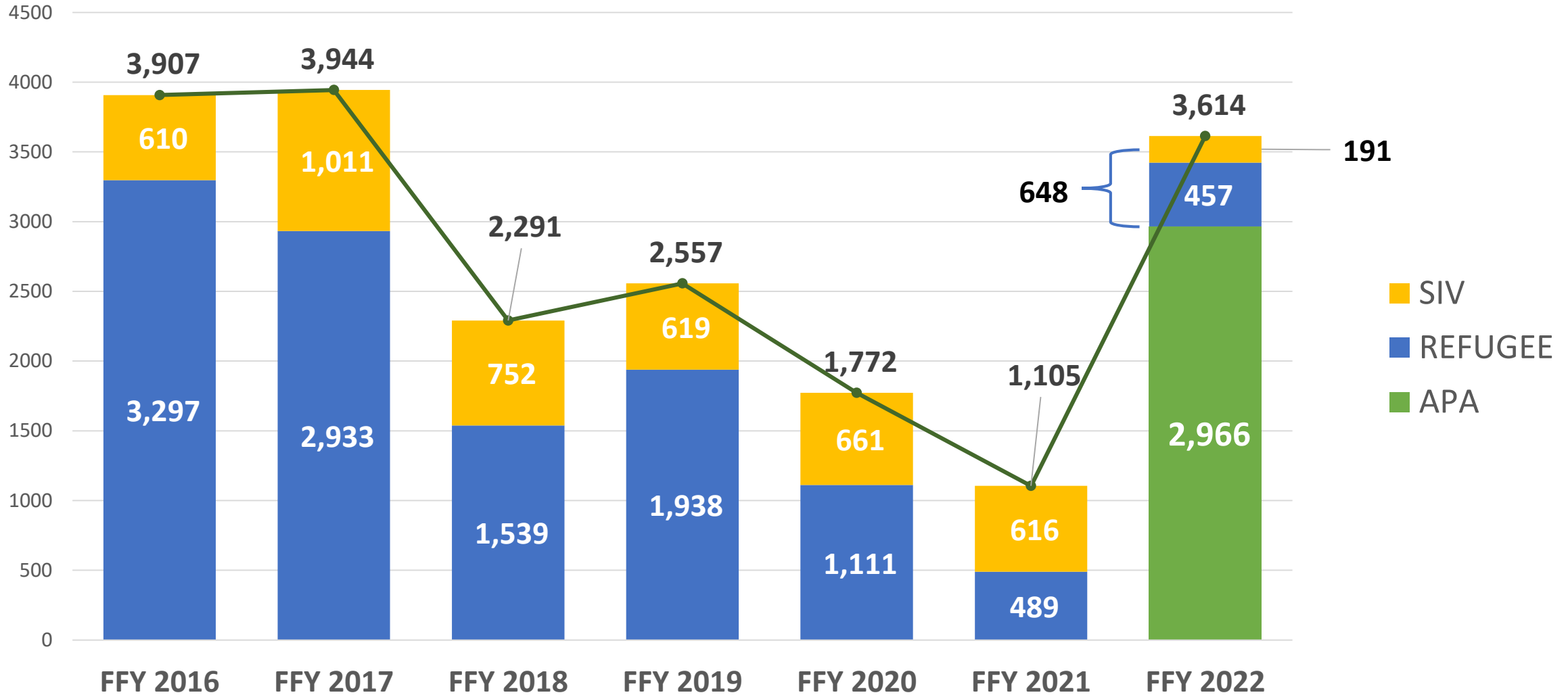
Agenda for Today's Task Force Meeting

- A. Welcome and Introductions
- B. Purpose and background for the Task Force
- C. Welcome.US National Resources
- D. Overview of benefits and services available to Ukrainian arrivals
- E. Updates from the Washington State Department of Health
- F. Notice of Funding Opportunity, WA State Department of Commerce
- G. Listening Session and Open Conversation
- H. Next Steps

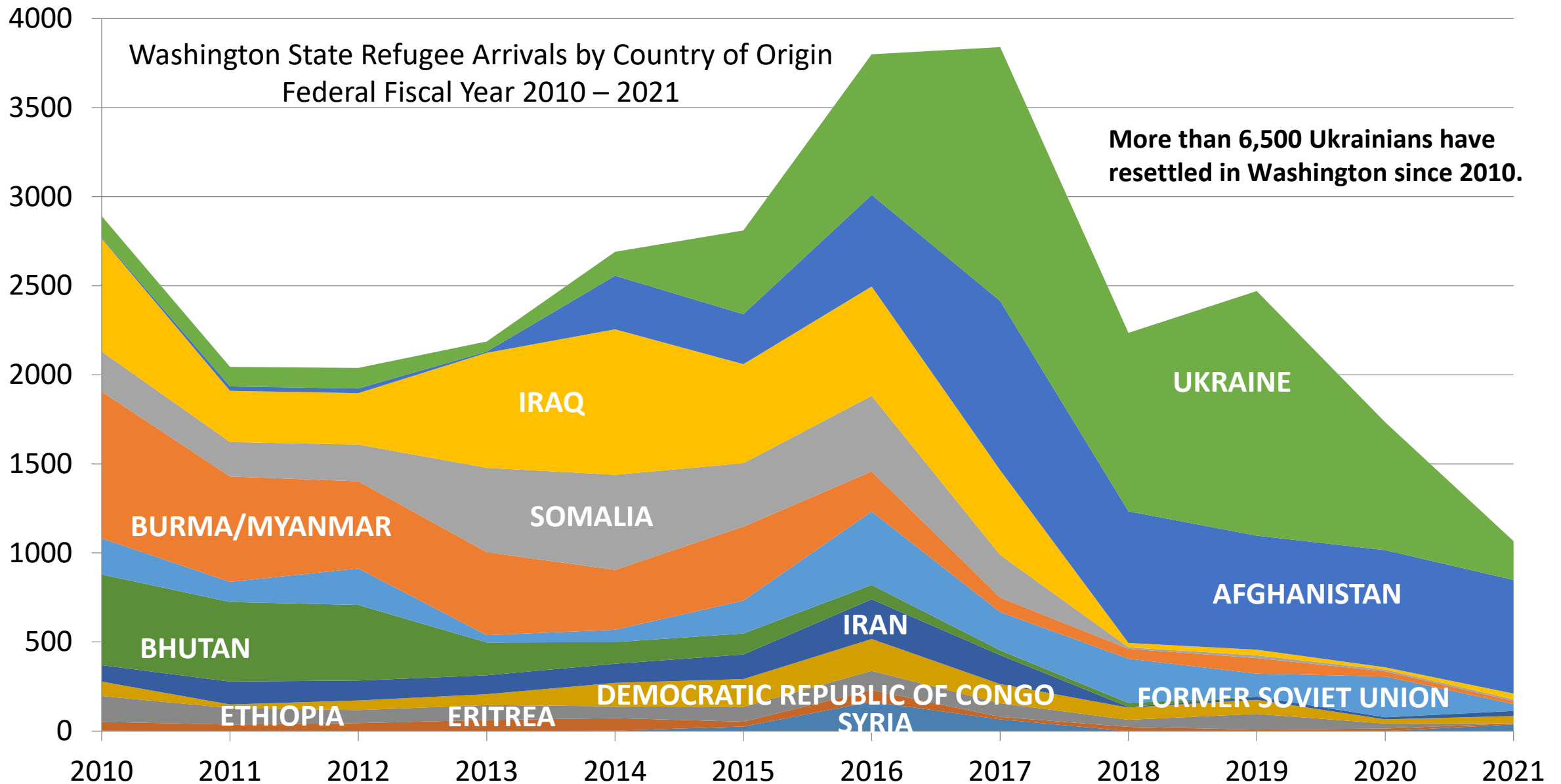
Welcoming refugees and immigrants is a collective effort.



Washington State Arrivals: Refugee, Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) and Afghan Placement and Assistance (APA) Arrivals FFY 2016 to FFY 2022 (Year to date)



Washington welcomes more than 30 different nationalities annually.



Source: Data from the Department of State, Refugee Processing Center. www.wrapsnet.org

Ukrainian Arrivals by County in Washington State FFY 2017 to 2022



Counties	Arrivals	Percentage
Statewide Total	5,042	100%
King	2,213	44%
Clark	838	17%
Pierce	588	12%
Unknown	439	9%
Spokane	330	7%
Snohomish	245	5%
Benton - Franklin	269	5%
Grant	49	1%
Whatcom	35	1%
Skagit	20	0%
Walla Walla	>10	0%
Grays Harbor	>10	0%
Chelan	>10	0%

Source: Office of Refugee Resettlement

Legal Pathways for Ukrainians Seeking Refuge

Immigration Status	Description	Projection
Humanitarian Parole Status granted at the border	Admitted into the United States on a temporary visa; eligible to apply for work authorization.	Estimated at 15,000 across the border (3,000 projected for Washington)
Temporary Protective Status	Must demonstrate continuous residence in the U.S. since 4/11/22 and presence since 4/19/22. Allowed to apply for work authorization	Estimated ~ 60,000 people could be eligible nationwide.
Lautenberg Amendment – United State Refugee Admissions Program	Religious minorities from the Former Soviet Union to reunite with family members in the U.S.	~18,000 pending applications with nearly 2,000 Ukrainians ready to depart
Refugee	Permanent durable solution, 18-24 month processing time; expedited processing for medically fragile cases and security cases	Unknown at this time.
Family reunification, employer-sponsored visas, student visas	Federal government is expected to broaden and expedite these pathways.	Unknown at this time.

Uniting for Ukraine

- Two year program for Ukrainian citizens and immediate family
- Beneficiaries:
 - Must be outside of the U.S.
 - Resided in Ukraine immediately before the invasion
 - Are a Ukrainian citizen and possess valid Ukrainian passport
 - Have a supporter that has been vetted and confirmed by USCIS
 - Clear biographic and biometric security checks
- Supporters:
 - Apply for Ukrainians – must be in lawful status in the U.S.
 - Willing and able to receive, maintain, and support applicant

Thank you!

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