



**Refugee Advisory Council of Washington State**  
**Asylum-seekers, Immigration Pathways and Access to Benefits, and Taxes in Washington**  
**Hybrid Public Forum**  
**Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**  
**Agenda**

Time	Topic	Presenter/Moderator
10:00 to 10:15	Welcome and Introductions	<b>Mariana Bellinger</b> - Refugee Advisory Council Member, King County - Senior Regional Program Specialist, American Red Cross, Northwest Region
10:15 – 10:30	WA State Refugee Assistance Updates	<b>Sarah Peterson</b> State Refugee Coordinator / Chief <a href="#">Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance</a> Department of Social and Health Services
10:30 – 10:40	Health Updates	<b>Jasmine Matheson</b> State Refugee Health Coordinator Department of Health
10:40 – 11:10	How to Help People File Their Taxes	<b>April A. Matsui</b> President and Founder PIM Savvy, Inc. <a href="https://pimsavvy.com/vita/">https://pimsavvy.com/vita/</a> <b>Marc Matsui</b> Vice President & Senior Consultant PIM Savvy, Inc. <a href="https://www.irs.gov/individuals/find-a-location-for-free-tax-prep">https://www.irs.gov/individuals/find-a-location-for-free-tax-prep</a>
11:10– 11:45	Immigration Pathways and Access to Benefits	<b>Sarah Peterson</b> State Refugee Coordinator / Chief <a href="#">Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance</a> Department of Social and Health Services <b>Yein Pyo</b> Lead Policy Analyst <a href="#">Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance</a> Department of Social and Health Services
11:45 – 12:00	King County Local Updates	<b>Martha Lucas</b> - Refugee Advisory Council Member, King County - Executive Director, WA State Coalition of African Community Leaders
12:00 – 12:30	Networking and Connections	<b>Gul Siddiqi</b> - Refugee Advisory Council Member, King County - Development Manager, International Rescue Committee WA