



What does Corvallis For Refugees do for New Neighbors during the first 90 days?

Corvallis For Refugees (CFR) is responsible for providing every refugee with the basic services that are defined and mandated in the Cooperative Agreement between World Relief and the Federal Government. These services are referred to as “Core Services.”

- 1 INTERPRETATION** – Appropriate language interpretation/translation which allows for communication with the New Neighbor in his/her native language, if possible, or in a common language in which the refugee is fluent.
- 2 AIRPORT RECEPTION** – New Neighbors are met, welcomed and assisted at the airport with appropriate interpretation and transported to their host home
- 3 HOUSING** – Each New Neighbor will be provided with decent, safe, sanitary, and furnished housing immediately upon arrival, both temporary and permanent housing.
- 4 CLOTHING** – New Neighbors will be provided with seasonally appropriate clothing and footwear for work, school, and everyday use for at least 30 days after arrival. They have a right to refuse clothing offered. Information provided about where to purchase clothing from a second-hand or inexpensive store.
- 5 TRANSPORTATION** – In addition to orientation about transportation in Corvallis, New Neighbors are provided transportation for all core services: job interviews and training, appointments.
- 6 POCKET MONEY** – Cash for New Neighbors over 18 that is discretionary and distributed over the course of the first 90 days and tracked by CFR

7

FOOD – Culturally appropriate, ready-to-eat food and at least one day’s worth of additional food supplies and staples including baby food will be provided.

8

HOME VISITS – Case workers will visit New Neighbors in their home the day after arrival and 30 days after arrival to assure that basic needs are being met, to give an orientation on housing and personal safety precautions, and to confirm that everyone appears healthy.

9

CULTURAL ORIENTATIONS – CFR staff will discuss an overview of the New Neighbors’ initial resettlement period in the U.S. Topics such as personal health and hygiene, community safety and laws, employment, transportation, education, and technology use will be covered.

10

RESETTLEMENT SERVICES – Cash assistance, food stamps, Medicaid, Social Security cards, ESL classes, employment services, and school registration for children will be services assisted by CFR.

AT 90 DAYS

- CFR staff meets with family on or shortly before day 90 to verify that all required services have been completed, and explain how the support model looks different after 90 days.
 - CFR staff will follow up on any outstanding issues related to core services
 - Family receives a few important reminders:
 - CFR is always available to answer questions at the Welcome Center or over the phone.
 - First travel loan bill usually arrives 5–6 months after arrival.
 - Family is eligible to apply for Green Cards 12 months after arrival and CFR is available to assist with that process.
 - Immigration questions about Green Cards or other programs should be directed to their CFR case manager assigned to them.
- We thank the family for allowing us to join them on the first few steps of their new journey! It is a privilege we are grateful to have.
- We explain to the family that their Good Neighbor Team will continue to walk alongside them for the next 9 months, and that CFR is also an ongoing resource where they can come to request support as needed.