

Refugee Mentor

Candidate Profile:

- Patient, flexible, adaptable and resourceful
- Good cross-cultural communication skills
- Knowledge of community resources and events

Position Description:

To befriend and orient refugees newly arrive to the U.S. through weekly meetings. Mentors will offer his or Refugee partner the opportunity to attend community events, practice English together and learn how to search for jobs, education opportunities and housing.

Primary Duties Include:

- Attend Refugee Mentor Training
- Stay in weekly contact with Refugee Partner for minimum of 3 months
- Listen and provide support
- Introduce community opportunities available in the Twin Cities
- Provide opportunity for Refugee Partner to communicate, work and play in new culture
- Contact IIM staff weekly by email or phone and describe types of events and/or activities done together and identify successes and challenges faced by Refugee Partner
- Fill out weekly log of dates met and activities done together and send to IIM staff
- Demonstrate patience while your Refugee Partner begins to understand USA culture
- Demonstrate patience while you begin to understand Refugee Partner's culture

Time Commitment:

- Face to Face meetings (flexible times, weekly for 3 months)
- Visits with Refugee Partner once every week for a minimum of 3 months. Average of 2-3 hours or more per week, especially during the first few weeks. Meetings are very flexible as you can set your own schedule with your Refugee Partner.
- Refugee Mentor Training; 3-4 hours