

## **Uniting for Ukraine Explainer for Sponsors and Beneficiaries of Uniting for Ukraine and Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole in New Jersey**

### **Background on Uniting for Ukraine and Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees**

On April 21, 2022, President Biden announced *Uniting for Ukraine (U4U)*, a program to provide relief to up to 100,000 Ukrainian refugees. U4U builds on the robust humanitarian assistance the U.S. government is providing to Ukrainian citizens and others who have been displaced by providing Ukrainian citizens with a path to seek refuge in the U.S. U4U is a private sponsorship program meaning the process to bringing Ukrainians to the U.S. is delinked from the traditional refugee resettlement structure. For more information: <https://www.dhs.gov/ukraine>

### **Who has Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole (UHP)?**

Certain Ukrainian individuals, or non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in Ukraine, who applied for and have been or will be granted humanitarian parole by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in response to Russia's war on Ukraine. Ukrainian humanitarian parolees paroled into the U.S. between February 24, 2022, and September 30, 2023, are eligible to apply for mainstream benefits, resettlement assistance, and other benefits available to refugees (with the exception of the initial resettlement program customarily referred to as Department of State's Reception and Placement program), until the end of their parole term. These individuals' spouses or unmarried children under the age of 21 who are paroled into the U.S. after September 30, 2023, are also eligible to apply for these benefits. For more information on Benefits for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees please visit:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/fact-sheet/benefits-ukrainian-humanitarian-parolees>

### **Are you a Ukrainian present in the USA without humanitarian parole or refugee status?**

Ukrainian citizens already in the U.S. without immigration status should consult with an immigration attorney about their specific circumstances and options, such as [Temporary Protected Status \(TPS\)](#) among other paths such as asylum depending on their circumstances. For a list of immigration attorneys near you, go to <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/ProBonoNJ/download>

### **Where can I get receive a tuberculosis (TB) IGRA test and any required vaccinations?**

If you entered the U.S. through Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) you are required to attest to having received Measles, Polio, and COVID-19 vaccinations. Within 90 days of arrival you must attest to US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) that you have received an IGRA blood test for tuberculosis.

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/uniting-for-ukraine/uniting-for-ukraine-vaccine-attestation>

**The New Jersey Department of Health is offering free IGRA test to U4U arrivals**, more information can be found at [Department of Health | HIV, STD, and TB Services | Tuberculosis Control Program \(nj.gov\)](#)

### What benefits are UHPs eligible for?

Ukrainians who were granted humanitarian parole status between **February 24, 2022 and September 30, 2023** are eligible to apply for the following benefit programs and assistance:

Help and Support Available	Where to apply or get assistance
Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) - Cash Assistance for individuals without dependent children	To enroll in the RCA program near you contact <a href="mailto:njor.info@rescue.org">njor.info@rescue.org</a> or call 917-561- 3327.
Food Assistance – NJSNAP	Apply online or through your local county board of social services, application and local offices list available online at <a href="http://www.njsnap.gov">www.njsnap.gov</a>
Cash and Rental Assistance for families with children – TANF	Apply online <a href="http://www.mynjhelps.gov">www.mynjhelps.gov</a> or through your local county board of social services
Health insurance coverage NJ FamilyCare (Medicaid)	Apply online at <a href="http://www.njfamilycare.org">www.njfamilycare.org</a>
Food and nutrition assistance for pregnant woman and children up to 5 – Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program	Apply through a local agency, find the list at <a href="http://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/wic/participants/apply-wic/">www.nj.gov/health/fhs/wic/participants/apply-wic/</a>
Mental Health and Emotional Support	Call <a href="tel:1-866-202-4357">1-866-202-4357</a> to talk to a trained professional
Legal Assistance *  Ukrainians without humanitarian parole should seek out legal advice from an immigration attorney for immigration relief options.	For a list of immigration attorneys near you, go to <a href="https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/ProBonoNJ/download">https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/ProBonoNJ/download</a>

Eligibility for public benefits (TANF, Medicaid, and SNAP) includes financial and other non-financial factors such as eligible immigration status. Immigration eligibility for those granted humanitarian parole remains while they have parole status and until the end of the parole term unless amended by law or if the individual gains other eligible immigration status. Please check eligibility requirements online.

### What should I bring with me to apply for benefits?

You should bring proof of your nationality, your humanitarian parole status, and the date you received the humanitarian parole. Each individual in a family applying for ORR benefits and services should bring their own proof and the date their humanitarian parole (or other ORR-eligible status) was granted.

### Where can I access affordable health care?

If you are searching for affordable accessible care, you can find a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) near you: <https://healthapps.state.nj.us/fhs/cphc/cphcSearch.aspx>. Free language interpretation is available in all healthcare settings that accept Medicaid.

## Where can I apply for ORR Refugee Support Services (RSS)?

### [Church World Service \(CWS\) in Jersey City](#)

26 Journal Square, Suite 600 Jersey City, NJ 07306  
[CWSJerseyCity@cwsglobal.org](mailto:CWSJerseyCity@cwsglobal.org)  
(201) 659-0467

### [Interfaith-RISE \(IRISE\) in Highland Park and Vineland](#)

19 S. 2nd Ave.  
Highland Park, NJ 08904

2384 E Landis Ave.  
Vineland, NJ 08361  
[info@interfaithrise.org](mailto:info@interfaithrise.org)  
(732) 249-7349

### [Jewish Vocational Services of NJ in East Orange](#)

7 Glenwood Ave., Lower Level,  
East Orange, NJ 07017  
[AdultSchool@jvsnj.org](mailto:AdultSchool@jvsnj.org)  
862-704-2300

### [International Rescue Committee \(IRC\) in Elizabeth](#)

208 Commerce Place, 4th Floor  
Elizabeth, NJ 07201  
[newjersey@rescue.org](mailto:newjersey@rescue.org)  
(908) 351-0938

### [Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Newark](#)

976 Broad St.  
Newark, NJ 07102  
[refugee@ccannj.org](mailto:refugee@ccannj.org)  
(973) 733-3516 extension 161201 or option 6  
from the program list.

## How do I apply for Employment Authorization?

After the beneficiary are paroled into the United States, they are eligible to apply for an employment authorization document from USCIS. For more information, visit <https://www.uscis.gov/ukraine>

## How do I obtain a Social Security Number and Card?

We encourage you to apply for a Social Security number (SSN) using Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization <https://www.uscis.gov/i-765>, and following the form instructions. If you request an SSN in Part 2 (Items 13a-17.b) of your Form I-765, and your application is approved, USCIS will electronically transmit that data to the Social Security Administration (SSA), and SSA will assign you an SSN and issue you a Social Security card. SSA will mail your Social Security card directly to the address you provide on Form I-765. Social Security numbers generally are assigned to people who are authorized to work in the United States. Social Security numbers are used to report your wages to the government and to determine eligibility for Social Security benefits.



If you do not request an SSN on your Form I-765, you can apply for an SSN after you receive your EAD from USCIS using the instructions on SSA's Social Security Number and Card webpage <https://www.ssa.gov/ssnumber/>.

### School enrollment

School-age UHPs are entitled to enter public schooling and receive English instruction within the school. They will need a well-child check and a completed vaccination record within 30 days of enrollment, which can be completed at the FQHC. Here are the vaccine requirements for children attending school - [https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/imm\\_requirements/vaccine\\_qa.pdf](https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/imm_requirements/vaccine_qa.pdf)

The child’s residency may be the supporter’s address unless other living arrangements have been coordinated. The child residency is where the child is sleeping most of the time. The residency where the child is residing may be temporary; however, this does not prevent a child from enrolling. Under the McKinney Vento Act, students who have been displaced and in temporary housing arrangements, can enroll and attend schools and receive certain protections and supports.

### Reporting risky or dangerous situations

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Get Help if Someone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires you to work to pay off a debt</li> <li>• Hurts or threatens to hurt you or your family if you do not work</li> <li>• Tells you to lie about the work you are doing</li> <li>• Forces you to have sex in exchange for something else of value</li> <li>• Takes your ID or documents</li> </ul> <p>To learn more, visit <a href="http://acf.hhs.gov/endtrafficking">acf.hhs.gov/endtrafficking</a>.</p>	<p><b>National Human Trafficking Hotline</b></p> <p> 1-888-373-7888</p> <p> Text 233733 (BEFREE)</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid white; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p>Free   24/7   Confidential</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid white; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p><i>Ukrainian and Russian translators are available</i></p>
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- We are confident that you will have a rewarding stay in the United States through Uniting for Ukraine. However, if bad situations happen, you have rights and you can get help!
- It is not uncommon for people to stay in risky or dangerous situations if they do not have other options. Sometimes, people are threatened or hurt if they try to leave, and they do not know where to ask for help.
- If you or someone you know is forced, tricked, or blackmailed into working or trading sex in exchange for sponsorship or something else of value (food, shelter, money), help is available.

**[If you are in immediate danger, call 911](#)**

**[Human Trafficking Resources for Individuals from Ukraine | The Administration for Children and Families \(hhs.gov\)](#)**

#### How can I learn more?

- [Uniting for Ukraine: What you need to know](#)
- [Benefits for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees](#)
- [USCIS: Uniting for Ukraine](#)
- [Welcome.US | Resources](#)

**For more information** on Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) or Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees in New Jersey please visit the New Jersey [Office of New Americans website](#)

Or you can contact our Refugee Team at [NJRefugeeProgram@dhs.nj.gov](mailto:NJRefugeeProgram@dhs.nj.gov)