

Diocese of Springfield –Catholic Charities Agency – Circles of Care Program

Join us at St. John’s Pastoral Center, Thursday, July 27, 6:30 pm

Discussion about recent migration of Ukranian refugees in Agawam

How we can help...

Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Make sure they know how to access their medical care providers- Teach them how to make healthcare appointments- Set them up with a dentist in their area who accepts MassHealth- Be sure they do not go to any specialists that don't accept MassHealth
Education (if there are children)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Be the liaison between the school and the parents- Set up at least 2 meetings a year with the school and the parents to discuss their children, how they're doing and any special needs or concerns.- If the children need extra help with a subject, coordinate tutoring with other Circle members and the school.- Preschool aged children: help parents find suitable daycare that accepts DTA vouchers
Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Show family where their closest grocery stores are (that accept EBT cards), and show them how to navigate store- Register them at the closest food pantry, and explain to them when they can go- If the family requires any special foods that are not in their area, organize occasional trips with them to those stores- Connect them with farmers markets, and other food resources in their area
Child Care/ Summer camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- If there are preschool aged children, and the parent starts working before the child starts daycare, help organize occasional child care- Teach the parents about the child care options and camps during school breaks and summer, how to apply for financial aid, and how to apply.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coordinate rides for the medical appointments during first couple of months while getting their medical

	clearance at Caring Health in Springfield
Public transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teach family members how to get where they need to go by bus. Also teach them about Uber/taxis after they've been here for at least 6 months.
Mail/Bills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teach how to identify important mail vs trash - Teach how to write checks and pay bills on time
Computer/Internet help	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set them up with internet and wifi - Be available for questions re: computers or internet
Home orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teach what to do with recyclables, trash disposal, laundry, and other concerns about living in the house (not including repairs).