



Basic Resource Guide for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees

BENEFITS

Congress signed into law the **Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022** (effective May 21, 2022) which makes Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees eligible for public benefits (including SNAP/food stamps, medical insurance, housing, and cash assistance).

Benefits are explained via the links below:

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

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

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

DORCAS INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Dorcas International is able to provide limited case management services for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees. There are also many community resources that can assist with a variety of needs. For referrals, please reach out to 401-784-8602 and explain that you are looking for resources for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees.

Initial arrivals are encouraged to visit Dorcas International during our **Walk-In Center** hours 10am-3pm, Monday through Thursday at 220 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907. Questions and referrals may be made as well as a brief orientation on the necessary steps to take post-arrival.

Dorcas International offers **English classes** in-person or virtually. All are welcome to register in person or at <https://diiri.org/esl/>. Call 401-784-8602 for more information.

Everyone is eligible for **Employment Services** at Dorcas International. Individuals must be able to prove work eligibility in order to be eligible for job placement assistance. Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees need an Employment Authorization card (EAD) to prove work authorization.

Dorcas International's **Clothing Collaborative** is also available to Ukrainian Parolees in need of clothing. Appointments are necessary. Located at 645 Elmwood Avenue, Providence RI 02907. Call 401-784-8663.

Pinpoint Translation Services can assist with interpretation or document and records translation. Located at 645 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI 02907. Call 401-784-8633 for more information.

Dorcas International can provide **intensive case management** for needs such as federal/state benefits registration, health, mental health, childcare, and other supports for those exhibiting long-term, high need or risk. This service will be assessed by appointment.

Dorcas International's **Citizenship and Immigration Services** are explained immediately below.



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Immigration Status, Documentation and Public Benefits Eligibility

Please note that Ukrainians who have received humanitarian parolee status do not have refugee or asylee (those granted asylum in US) status upon entry to the United States.

Anyone with Humanitarian Parole should have a stamp in their passport to evidence their parole into the US (DT, U4U, or UHP) and/or an I-94 record indicating entry under parole. This stamp or I-94 record should be sufficient to apply for an Employment Authorization Document (EAD), in addition to an ID like a passport or birth certificate showing the person is from Ukraine.

For assistance applying for a EAD (Category: C11), please contact **Citizenship & Immigration Services** by calling 401-784-8607, to speak directly with an attorney or legal representative.

Consultations appointments are available Monday - Friday at the following times:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9am – 1pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 1pm – 5pm

The I-765 Application for Employment Authorization application form includes a check box to request a Social Security Number, so no additional application is needed for an SSN card; it comes automatically once the I-765 is approved. A Social Security Number is required to apply for Supplemental Security Income or SSI.

EADs do not arrive immediately; a parolee will need to wait for their EAD and SSN card to arrive. An EAD could take between 3-10 months due to USCIS backlogs, which have been expedited for Ukrainian parolees.

For Ukrainians who cannot obtain or are not eligible for Humanitarian Parole, there are several alternatives, two of which are specifically for Ukrainians:

Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Ukrainians If you are from Ukraine, and you were already in the United States before 04/11/2022, you may be eligible for Temporary Protected Status. Please contact the Citizenship & Immigration Services at Dorcas International during consultation hours to determine if you are eligible to apply. TPS beneficiaries do not qualify for many public benefits as of 7/25/22; however, under specific circumstances may qualify for Medicaid and CHIP (unmarried children under 19) if deemed “lawfully present”.

Lautenberg Program for Ukrainians: Certain religious groups from Ukraine who reside in one of the countries in the former Soviet Union can apply for family reunification through the Lautenberg Program at Dorcas International by requesting an appointment via email at FR@diiri.org. The religious groups are: Jews, Evangelical Christians, Ukrainian Catholics, and members of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church.

Unaccompanied children who enter the US, typically through the U.S.–Mexican border, should have been granted parolee status upon entry if they entered the U.S. on or after February 24, 2022.



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RESOURCES

General Community Support

- 211 United Way | <https://www.unitedwayri.org/get-help/2-1-1/>
Information on resources, available low-cost housing (limited), and more
- Jewish Alliance/Dwars Jewish Community Center | 401 Elmgrove Ave, Providence, RI 02906
401-421-4111 | Religious needs, family programs, daycare, child and youth activities, and more
- Jewish Collaborative Services | 1165 North Main Street Providence, RI 02904 | 401-331-1244
Basic needs support, mental health individual & family counseling services, religious needs and more
- Refugee Dream Center | 747 Broad Street, Providence, RI 02907 | 401-300-0544
Health promotion, case management, youth programs, and more
- Diocese of Providence | 1 Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 | 401-278-4500
Immigration services, after-school tutoring, housing assistance, English classes, and more

For Sponsors

- Welcome. US | <https://ukraine.welcome.us/>
- Nova Ukraine USA Resources for Ukrainian Refugees (English, Ukrainian, & Russian)
<https://www.refugees.novaukraine.org/>

Medical

Entrants have an extended 90-day period for to be tested for tuberculous (TB), this may be completed at the RISE TB Clinic located at 14 Third St., Providence, RI 02906 | 401-793-2422 or 401-793-2430

Entrants over 65 years of age or individuals who qualify as disabled under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) once they have a Social Security number and card assigned. There are several Social Security Administration offices in Rhode Island which can be searched for at: <https://www.ssa.gov/boston/RI.htm> and the main website is <https://www.ssa.gov/> Russian language is offered on the site as well as by phone: 800-772-1213.

Additional medical needs:

Department of Human Services (DHS) | Medicaid (health insurance) |
<https://healthyrhode.ri.gov/HIXWeb13/StartAnonymousBrowsing.action>

Hope Clinic – Clinica Esperanza: 401-347-9093 | 60 Valley St, Suite 104 Providence, RI 02909

RI Free Clinic: 401-274-6347 | 655 Broad St, Providence, RI 02907 | www.rifreeclinic.org

Thundermist: 401-615-2800 | 186 Providence St, W. Warwick, RI 02893 www.thundermisthealth.org



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Food

SNAP (Food Stamps) | Department of Human Services (DHS) | <https://dhs.ri.gov/apply-now>

Rhode Island Community Food Bank | 401-942-6325 | <http://rifoodbank.org>

Locate a food pantry location using | <https://rifoodbank.org/find-food/>

Religious Needs

St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church | 401-762-3939 | 74 Harris Ave, Woonsocket, RI
<http://stmichaeluoc.org/>

St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church | (401) 762-2733 | 394 Blackstone St, Woonsocket, RI 02895 | <https://stmichaelsri.org/>

Second Baptist Church (Slavic) | (401) 434-4146 | 80 Taunton Road, East Providence
www.rhodeisland.church

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church | (508) 673-2353 | 327 Center St, Fall River, MA 02724

Sanctuary Church | 401-584-3855 | 15 Hayes St, Providence | <https://sanctuaryri.org/>

Temple Beth El | 401-331-6070 | 70 Orchard Ave., Providence, RI 02906

U.S. Emergency Contacts

Uniting for Ukraine Support Line | 407-591-3963 (Ukrainian and Russian language access)

Local Emergency Services (police/fire department/ambulance) | 911

National Human Trafficking Hotline | 888-373-7888 or text 233733

Federal Trade Commission to report immigration fraud or scams | 877-FTC-HELP

Sojourner House Helpline in Rhode Island (victims/survivors of domestic abuse, sexual assault, and human trafficking) | 401-765-3232

Further Questions

If you'd like to speak with someone at Dorcas International to access additional information, resources or referrals, please call 401-784-8602 and explain that you are looking for resources for Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees.