

Testimonial from a Local Business

"We at AmeriPride have been looking to the local refugee workforce for the past ten years and have found the employees to be respectful, punctual, and committed. I believe that it is our responsibility as members of this business community to engage in the diversity that is now growing in the Mankato area. The growth rate is high. However, the employment rate for the refugee population is low. If we are to grow and become successful as a community, we need to utilize this untapped resource. If we do this, then healthy growth will be inevitable."

Thomas Blaido

Plant Manager

AmeriPride Services Inc.

Partnerships with the Business Community

MCC Refugee Services is continuing to seek business partnerships within the greater Mankato area. Our goal is to bridge connections between a largely untapped applicant pool and employers looking to fill open positions with qualified candidates.

About Us

The Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) was founded in 1948 on the principle of collaboration with the mission "to manifest unity in the church and to build the common good in the world."

The Council builds relationships within faith communities and with other organizations, agencies and institutions in both the public and private sectors across the state.

The Refugee Services program joined the Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) in 1984. Since that time, this program has welcomed over 6,000 refugees to the state, living its departmental mission of "Welcoming persecuted persons from around the world into lives of freedom, hope, and opportunity in Minnesota."



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REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES



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Refugee Services



Who are refugees?

A **refugee** is a person who is forcibly displaced from their home country due to the fear of persecution.

Refugees are:

- **Invited** by US Government
- **Authorized to work** upon arrival
- Issued **valid Social Security Number**
- Placed on **5-year path to citizenship**

ORIGINATION

Most refugees in the Mankato area are originally from the East African countries of **SUDAN, ETHIOPIA, AND SOMALIA**



Why hire a refugee as an employee?

refugee employees are...



Resourceful

Eager for self-sufficiency

Highly-adaptable

MCC REFUGEE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BLUE EARTH COUNTY EMPLOYMENT SERVICES/MRCI

Pre-Screening Services

Language/Math Ability

Skills Ability

Proper Immigrant Documentation

Education in job skills courses

Bilingual Training Consultants available to assist in:

Mediation

Orientation and safety instruction

Problem-solving

Transportation and child care are prearranged