

### Summary of Issue

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Aurora has a significant number of refugees and immigrants, many of whom face unique challenges surrounding coverage and access to healthcare services. In addition, many may experience difficulties with housing, food, transportation, school, and other financial hardship that affect health and wellbeing.

### Data\*

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- Over 105 ethnic groups living in Aurora (<http://www.aurorasentinel.com/news/home-base-auroras-immigrant-welcome-center-connecting/>)
- 139 languages spoken in Aurora Public Schools families
- 9.5% Coloradans are foreign-born (higher percentage in Aurora)
- Further data not readily available in internet searches

Child Health Survey doesn't have anything – I'm not sure about American Community Survey  
I bet we could do some more digging to find additional data

*\*Lack of Aurora-specific data remains a challenge at this time and suggests an opportunity moving forward*

### Current initiatives that address issue

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#### **The following organizations have been involved with immigrant/refugee services (incomplete list):**

- The Aurora Health Access Coverage Workgroup has recently focused on health insurance options for refugees and immigrants.
- Dawn Clinic
- Asian Pacific Development Center
- Colorado Providers for Integration Network (CPIN)
- Aurora International Welcome Center
- Ecumenical Refugee and Immigration Services
- African Community Center
- The Refugee Center (Denver)
- Colorado Alliance for Immigration Reform
- Colorado Community Health Network/Covering Kids and Families
- Aurora City Immigrant and Refugee Task Force
- Aurora City Immigrant and Refugee Program Services
- MCPN/Elmira Refugee Health Center
- Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics (self-pay option for uninsured children)
- University of Colorado Refugee Center
- Tri-County Health Department Refugee Services
- Restoration Outreach Project
- Colorado Refugee Wellness Center/Aurora Mental Health
- CDPHE/Refugee Health Program