

Role of Welcome Team and Volunteers

- The Welcome Team serves as the family's guide, advocate and friend.
- ***Our goal is to help the family become fully independent – This will mean more teaching and less doing.***
- Everyone wants to help NOW, but this is a marathon, not a sprint – We plan on working with the family for up to six months.
- CRIS provides many Core Services, which include:
 - Secure housing (Pre-arrival)
 - Intake, housing and safety orientation
 - Public Assistance: cash, medical, food (Match Grant, TANF, SNAP)
 - Social Security Cards
 - ESL/Employment referral
 - School enrollment (can take up to 30 days)
 - Health screenings
 - Basic cultural orientation (within 30-90 days)
 - Federal grant funds disbursements (within 90 days)
- ***Welcome Team activities and duties include:***
 - ***Helping the family drive to doctor appointments***
 - ***Conversation to help parents and children learn English***
 - ***Financial education (within 90 days)***
 - ***Job development (as needed)***
 - ***Transportation assistance (as needed for up to 90 days)***
 - ***Community guide – visiting parks, the zoo, etc.***
 - ***Shopping trips for clothing, groceries and other needs***
- ***Other suggested ways to help the family include:***
 - ***Creating friendship***
 - ✓ ***Visiting regularly***
 - ✓ ***Inviting to activities***

- **Helping them become successful in our community**
 - ✓ **Studying for a driving test**
 - ✓ **Obtaining a state ID**
 - ✓ **Tutoring**
 - ✓ **Accessing food pantries and other community resources**
 - ✓ **Find ESL classes**
 - ✓ **Connections to other community resources**
- Transportation
 - What is required?
 - ✓ Copy of driver's license
 - ✓ Copy of up-to-date auto insurance
 - ✓ Background check
 - ✓ Maintain a clean driving record
 - Use of Personal Vehicle
 - ✓ Check with insurance that you are covered as a volunteer
 - ✓ Client waiver
 - Safety
 - ✓ Seatbelt
 - ✓ Car seat
- Questions? Please contact:
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