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**KENTUCKY REFUGEE MINISTRIES RECEIVES GRANT FROM
THE FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTH KENTUCKY**

The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky has awarded Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) a \$5000 grant to support screening of refugees for physical and psychological trauma. As victims of persecution, confinement, violence, and displacement, a high percentage of refugees are more susceptible to mental health problems.

As a result of this grant, refugees will receive mental health screening to a greater extent than the initial health screening. Kentucky Refugee Ministries' medical case management staff will assist University of Louisville Medical School students with cultural competency training, to use nationally recognized and tested mental health screenings.

Of the 400 refugee arrivals predicted for this year, approximately 60-65% of all new refugees, those identified for referral to mental health services will receive mental health screenings and follow-up care. This grant will ensure a healthier Kentucky environment for refugees to live in.

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