**Housing: An Indicator of Refugee Community Integration**

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Providing safe and stable housing has is considered a primary goal of refugee service providers, yet there has been little systematic review of the relevant research on the topic. One difficult question that many agencies and communities face is whether integration goals can be better achieved by geographically dispersing refugee housing throughout a community, and thereby reducing the demand on services provided in a given area, or by locating refugee housing in close proximity to benefit from social networks with individuals of a similar background. Initial review of research previously conducted on the subject is essential to establish a firm foundation for additional investigation. A systematic search [refugee\* AND housing AND resettle\*] of academic literature in the Scopus database yielded 1506 results which were then filtered by publication date (since 2010, 1149 results), type of article (peer-reviewed journal, 772 results), language (English, 760 results), location (high income countries, 690 results), keywords (refugee and housing, 48 results). Equivalent searches were made in the databases for Oxford Academic, PubMed, and Psych Info. Ultimately, a total of 63 articles relevant to resettlement housing for refugees were found. These articles were reviewed for relevance to the research question and 46 were eliminated, leaving 27 articles for inclusion in this study. These 27 articles were reviewed to find the benefits and challenges to locating refugee housing in distant locations or in close proximity. Our results suggest that safe and stable housing is critical in maintaining mental health, creating social networks, finding employment, establishing a sense of inclusion in the community, and providing a sense of dignity for resettled refugees. Housing refugees with the same country of origin can help aid in the early formation of social networks while adjusting to life in a new country and can help prevent secondary migration relocate near friends or family after resettlement. This research provides foundation for additional investigation on the costs and benefits of establishing ethnic enclaves, the importance of housing as an indicator of refugee integration, and the value of social networks in the resettlement process.