



URM Orientation In KL



IRC RSC is committed to advancing the self-reliance and dignity of refugees applying to the US resettlement program. This commitment is realized through secure processing services, comprehensive information sharing and effective coordination with implementing partners and stakeholders.



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Approach

Youth CO Training Topics

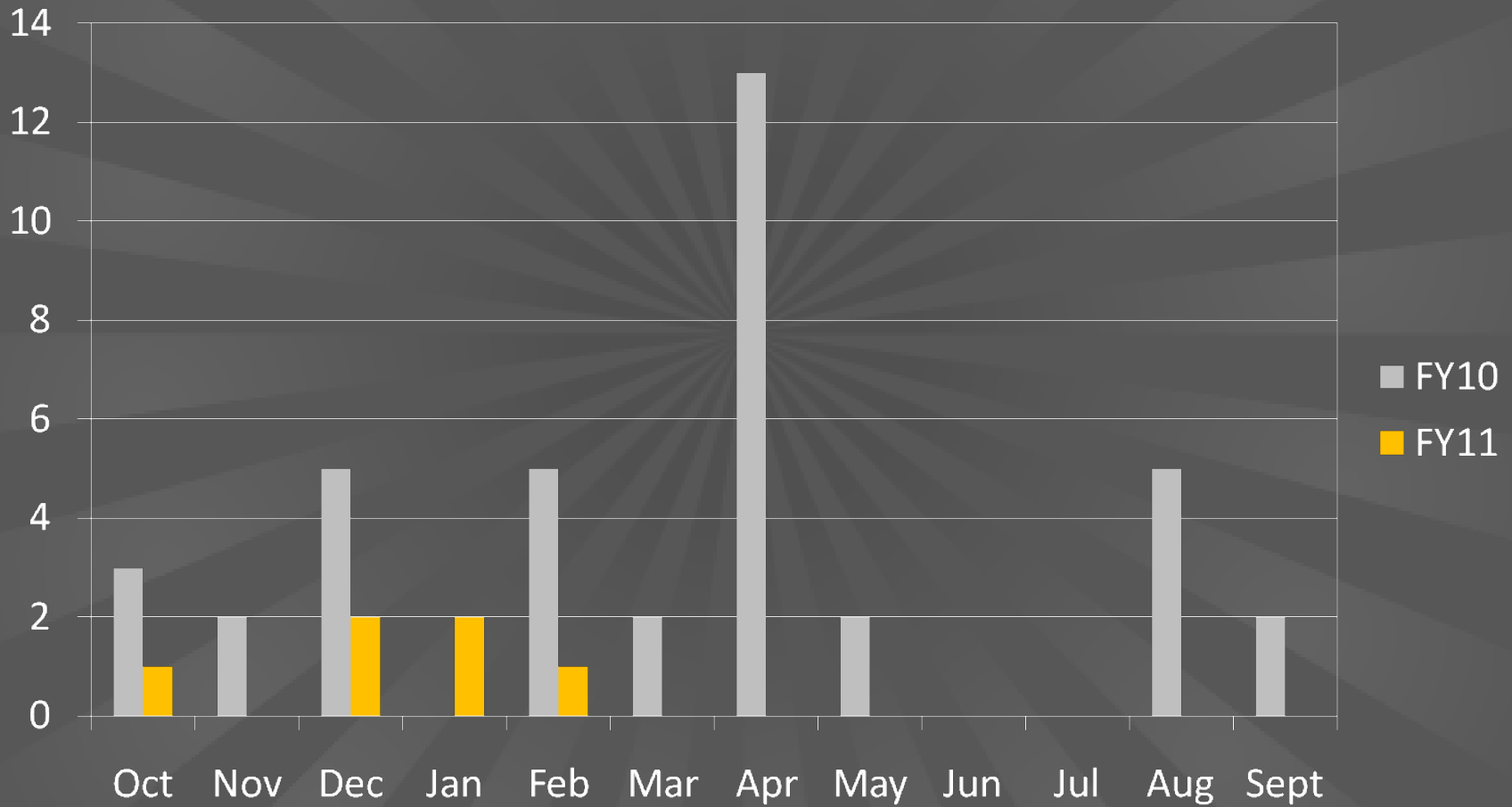
Topics

- What is URM program?
- Different placement options
- Characteristics of foster parents
- What happens upon arrival and who is there to help?
- Benefits and services provided in the refugee foster care program
- Family Life
- Foster home situations

Common Questions



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- Lecture based
 - Brainstorming and discussion
 - Questions and answer
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- URM briefing is done in addition to regular Youth-CO training sessions and takes approximately 40 minutes depending on number of URM's attending the session.



- **Travel to the United States**
 - Packing
 - Simulation
- **Hello America! An Introduction to the United States**
 - Overview and history quizzes
- **The Role of Resettlement Agency**
- **Housing**
 - Same/Different
 - Home maintenance
- **Transportation**
- **Education**
 - Education steps
 - School culture
- **Employment for youth**
- **Health Care**
 - Keeping healthy
 - Keeping Safe
- **Rights and Responsibilities**
 - Some American laws
- **Cultural Adjustments**
 - Family roles
 - Stages of culture shock



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- **What is URM program?**

- Assess and share participant's understanding of URM program
- Explain URM program

- **Purpose:**

A program that is designed to help minors to develop life skills that needed to become self-sufficient.

- **Requirements:**

- For children who do not have any adults who are able to take care of them
- must enter the program before 18th birthday and must stay until they turn 18
- After 18 participation is voluntary
- Program is until age 20-23 depending on the states



• Different Placement Options

- Foster homes are most common where minors are living with a foster family.
- Other options are for example, group homes (many young people live together with a ‘house parent’), semi-independent living program, therapeutic foster care, residential treatment program.



• Characteristics of Foster Parents (1/2)

- Which one of these might be foster parent/s?





- **Characteristics of Foster Parents (2/2)**
 - Families from diverse background
 - All families must go through screening and licensing process with their state or country child welfare provider and receive orientation on the adjustment needs of refugee youths and child welfare matters.



- **What happens upon arrival and who is there to help?**
 - **Initial Process:** medical evaluation , education assessment and school enrollment, legal proceeding in a court
 - **Support:**
 - Caseworkers (required to visit minor frequently)
 - Social workers
 - Foster parents
 - Interpreter (if needed)



- **Benefits and services provided in the refugee foster care program**
 - Indirect financial support for housing, food, clothing, medical care
 - Assistance to legal services and adjustment of immigration status
 - Assistance in family reunification, integration to local communities, cultural adjustments
 - Opportunities to participate cultural, recreational and religious activities
 - Placements in English trainings, career/college counseling, college tuition
 - Preparation for independent living, skills training (e.g. budgeting skills, education, housing, food, transportation, community resources, health and sexuality)



- **Family Life**

- Every family is different. It is important to learn household rules and participate in daily household chores are important.
- Learning English as soon as possible helps with more effective communication at home and ease their adjustment to new life in the U.S.
- Foster parents are not allowed in any way to hurt or neglect children in their care. If this happens, the child needs to inform the caseworker immediately.



- **Foster Home Situations**

- E.g. You are homesick and anxious and you have been arguing with your foster siblings a lot lately. How can you solve this issue?



Common Questions



- Will I be able to work under the URM program?
- Where will I be resettled to and who will be my foster parents?
- Will I be able to stay together with my siblings who is also in the URM program?
- Will I be able to travel to another state?

Thank You

