New York State Refugee Medical Screening Program

A MODEL OF COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS BY STATE AGENCY PARTNERS

New York State Refugee Resettlement at a glance
Refugee Resettlement Trend in NYS

Refugees Resettled - % in NYC and Upstate

How Do We Coordinate Health Screening Services to Targeted Areas of NYS

Two Agencies
- New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance (OTDA), Bureau of Refugee & Immigrant Assistance (BRIA)
- New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Bureau of Tuberculosis Control

Separate Procurement Processes
How Are Follow-up Activities Coordinated for Arrivals With Class A & B Tb Conditions

Two Agencies
- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYCDOHMH), Immigrant and Refugee Health Unit
- New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Bureau of Tuberculosis Control

Separate EDN Jurisdictions
- NYC
- NY

Administration of Refugee Medical Assistance

- **Responsibility of OTDA**
  - Agency designated with the authority to administer CMA of which RCA/RMA is a suballocation
  - Application for Refugee Cash and Medical Assistance via Local District Social Services in each county
  - Issues policy guidance on administration of RCA/RMA at local district social services level

- **Transfer of RMA funds to NYSDOH via Memorandum of Understanding**
  - NYSDOH submits annual funding request to OTDA
  - MOU describes budget processes and agency responsibilities to one another
Strengths

- Attention to targeted areas of the State
- Data is easily extracted for each jurisdiction
- Volags have more than one resource for refugee health needs
- Partnerships with other NYSDOH Bureaus are easily formed, i.e. Child and Maternal Health (Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program) and Immunization Program
- Bridge between refugee health and other refugee resettlement programs
- Dual participation in ARHC

Challenges

- Bureaucracy
- Sharing data
- Jurisdictions within EDN
- Reaching Asylees (NYC)
- Disparity of resettlement from NYC to Rest of State
- Have yet to approach Refugee Preventive Health as collaboration.......
One Common Goal

- 100% of all newly arriving refugees receive a health screening and initial immunizations within 90 days of arrival