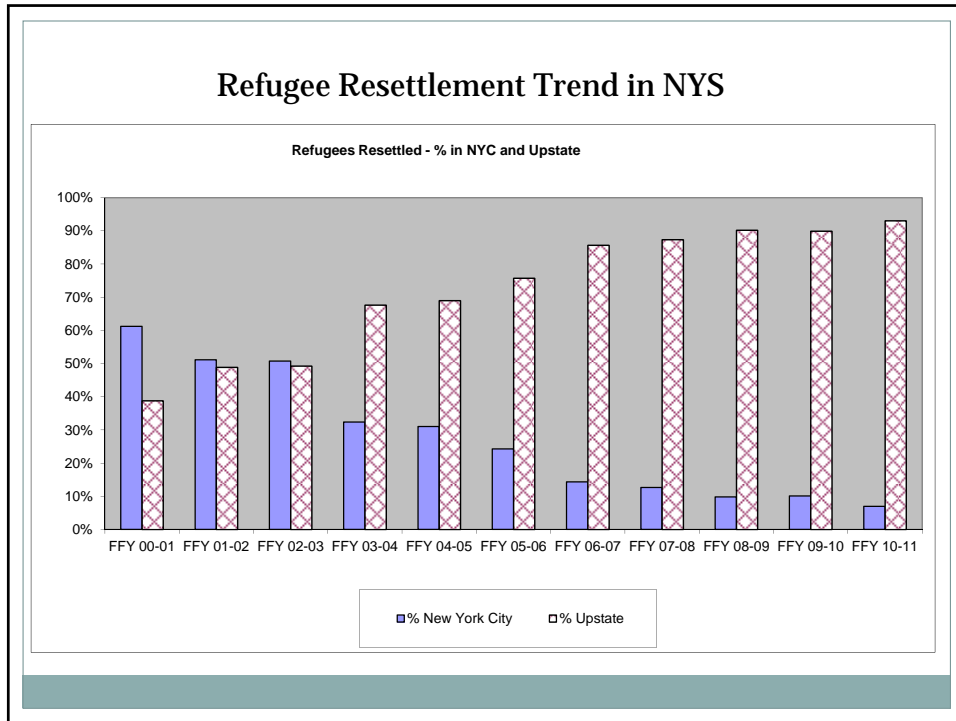


# New York State Refugee Medical Screening Program

A MODEL OF COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS BY STATE AGENCY PARTNERS

## New York State Refugee Resettlement at a glance





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

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### 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

- <http://www.nyhealth.gov/nysdoh/phforum/notices/rfa/rma/refugeemedicalassistance.htm>
- <http://otda.ny.gov/contracts/2009/rmsip/>

## 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

