



"People  
helping people  
help  
themselves"

Michael R. Pence, Governor  
State of Indiana

***Division of Family Resources***  
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November 17, 2015

Ms. Carleen Miller  
Executive Director  
Exodus Refugee Immigration Inc.  
1125 Brookside Avenue, Suite C9  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Dear Carleen,

The Refugee Resettlement Office of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Family Resources, is proud of its longstanding relationship with our National Resettlement Agency partners. Our programs have been mentioned as models for the entire nation through the tireless dedication of Exodus and Catholic Charities staff to work in conjunction with state and local government, supportive agency partners, and volunteers. We have achieved this great success together by carefully considering what is best, for not only the refugees coming to Indiana, but their neighbors and communities as well.

Governor Pence issued a statement Monday citing his first responsibility as Governor is to ensure the safety and security of all Hoosiers. In his statement, the Governor directed all state agencies to suspend the resettlement of additional Syrian refugees in the State of Indiana pending assurances from the federal government that proper security measures have been achieved. We would ask that you notify your national resettlement agency that the scheduled placement for the Syrian family scheduled to arrive this Thursday, November 19, and all subsequent Syrian arrivals be suspended or redirected to another state that is willing to accept Syrian placements until assurances that proper security measures are in place have been provided by the federal government.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 317-234-2373 or [Adrienne.shields@fssa.in.gov](mailto:Adrienne.shields@fssa.in.gov)

Sincerely,

Adrienne Shields  
Director  
FSSA Division of Family Resources

