

Notes from Experiences of Trauma, Persecution, and Racism by Refugee Families: Individuals and Families Seeking Asylum in the United States

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Policy

- Policy is a lived experience
- In the 60's took state policies and created federal laws
- US has not ratified UN Code of Human Rights
- Definition of "refugee"
- Recent administration proposed lowest limit recently: 45,000 people

Refugee Experience

- Refugees leave to local → then to Europe → then to US (average 3 countries)
- Third stage – backlog of USCIS by 4 to 6 years to obtain legal status.
- Ambiguous loss- uncertainty of not having a legal status

Resettlement structure

- Public/private partnerships – federal, state, and NGO's

Action Items

- Continue to raise awareness
 - Increase policy into practice
1. Raise awareness of policy implications in research and clinical practice through targeted advocacy.
 2. Translate research into practice; and in doing so, national policies while teaching the next generation of clinical scholars.