

The Minnesota Council of Churches has published an area-specific orientation guide with information about rights, responsibilities, and resources (Twin Cities Orientation Guide, Second Edition, Minnesota Council of Churches, ©2003, 2005). Topics covered include emergency and basic safety information, obtaining basic documents, housing, health care, the school system, personal finance, etc. Translations are available in Spanish and Somali.

Due to the highly localized nature of the information included, this resource will most likely be useful to your program as a guide to developing your own handbook, rather than as a document appropriate for your own clients.

The guide can be accessed at http://www.mnchurches.org/refugeeservices/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/ImmigrantGuide-English_000.pdf