



READY TO WORK

Learning English and acquiring a good job are both crucial steps for immigrants and refugees on their path to economic stability. That's why the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) created Ready to Work (RTW). RTW is a community-based program that combines English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, a computer and digital literacy curriculum, job readiness training, and multi-lingual, culturally competent case management services to successfully serve immigrants and refugees who need the most assistance.



Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

About Us

The mission of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs (OIRA) is to improve the lives of Seattle's immigrant and refugee communities through policies, programs, services, and community engagement.

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About Ready to Work (RTW)

RTW was created in 2015 as an innovative model for English language acquisition and job training specifically for residents who face significant barriers to learning English and gaining employment. Since its inception, over 1,000 immigrant and refugee jobseekers have participated in the program, with many of the participants obtaining good jobs and continuing on to higher English-language level classes at local community colleges.

RTW Nationally Recognized

In 2016, both the U.S. Department of Labor and the National Skills Coalition highlighted Ready to Work as a national best practice model on how to leverage workforce and adult education funding to support immigrant integration in the labor force.

RTW Partner Organizations

- Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS)
- HomeSight
- Literacy Source
- Neighborhood House
- Somali Community Services of Seattle

How RTW Works

RTW combines ESOL classes with computer literacy instruction and case management in a "one-stop shop" approach to help immigrants obtain good jobs and achieve economic self-sufficiency. The curriculum is aligned with college and career readiness standards. These Seattle organizations offer the classes and case management year-round:

North Seattle

Literacy Source

literacysource.org

(206) 782-2050

Southeast Seattle

Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS)

acrs.org

(206) 805-8950

West Seattle

Neighborhood House

nhwa.org

(206) 294-2009

Ready to Work classes are quarterly. Call any of the above numbers for more information about enrollment.