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Arab American and Chaldean Council (ACC)

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ACC Awarded Grant to Provide Health Assessments for Refugees

Lathrup Village, MI - January 12, 2012 ACC, a 501c3 non profit human service organization, has been awarded a grant from the State of Michigan Department of Human Services to provide Refugee Health Assessment Services in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties effective January 1, 2012. Those eligible include all newly arrived refugees/asylees within 90 days of arrival to the U.S. and those on Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) within 8 months of their arrival. This program provides medical screening/health assessments for infectious or communicable diseases of potential public health importance of all newly arrived refugees/asylees in the greater Detroit area, regardless of race, religion or ethnicity. In addition, immunizations and referrals are provided as necessary.

As part of immigration guidelines, licensed medical personnel will provide culturally based comprehensive health assessment and medical screening. Each new patient will receive age appropriate exams, including a written medical history and head-to-toe review of body systems, as well as a gross evaluation of vision, hearing, and dental screening. Clients will also receive age appropriate immunizations, laboratory exam services to check for health concerns such as diabetes and anemia, testing as needed for sexually transmitted diseases, Hepatitis B, parasites and others, Tuberculosis (TB) services, and referrals.

For more information, contact ACC at (248) 559-1990.

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ACC is the premier non-profit human service organization providing services to the Middle Eastern and mainstream communities in Southeast Michigan. Furthermore, ACC provides better opportunities to enable newcomers to adjust to their new environment. As a bridge of understanding, ACC maximizes the skills, resources and expertise of the community to:

- Build cooperation and understanding
- Raise the level of individuals' well-being
- Increase cross-cultural understanding through education
- Deliver human services, counseling and opportunities
- Gear community members towards achievement
- Empower through employment training and placement

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