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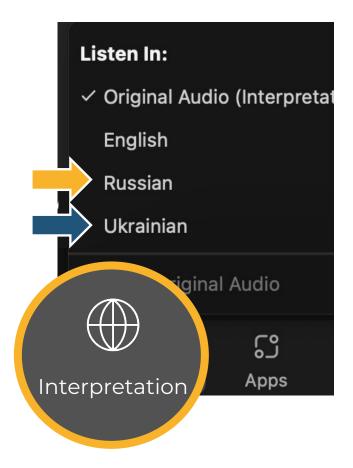
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# **Questions & Answers:** Housing, employment, transportation

Navigating life in California, for newly arrived Ukrainians

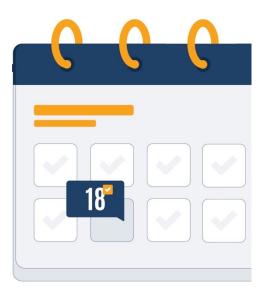
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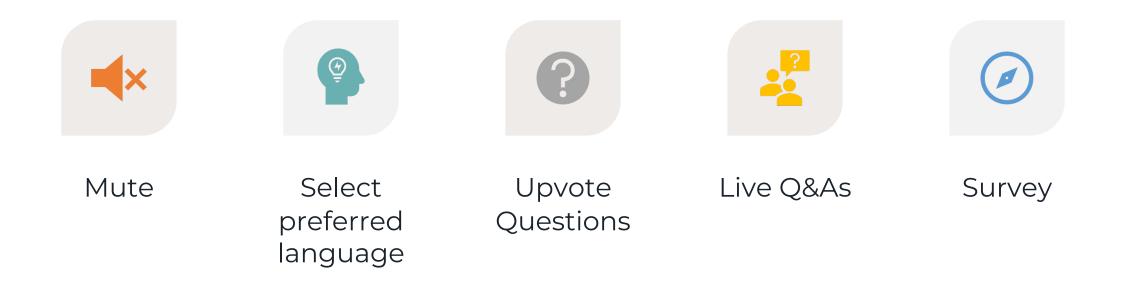
- On Mondays
- Through August 2024

Date	Торіс
Mar 18	Q&A on Housing, Employment, & Transportation
Apr 01	Taxes in the U.S.: Practical Advice and Tips
Apr 15	Re-Parole
Apr 22	Getting Help in the first years: State and Local Organizations





## **Session Reminders**





# Who you are hearing from today









## **Question & Answer Topics**





## **Question & Answer Topics**





## **Housing: Basics**



### **Securing housing**

- First days weeks
- Finding your first apartment
- Re-setting expectations
- How to navigate common application questions/ requirements
  - Proof of income at 3x rental amount, paystubs
  - o Credit score
  - Security deposit + 1st & Last month's rent

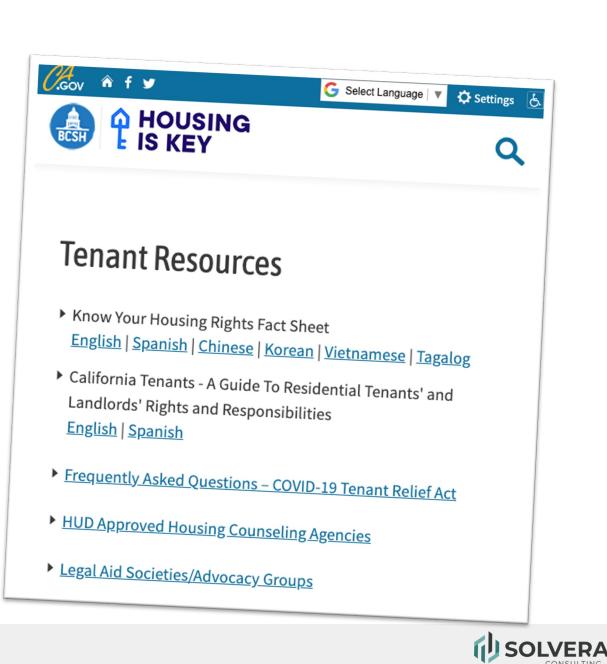
### **Financial resources**

- Housing Assistance for Ukrainians (HAU)
- County benefits & employment services "support services"
- CSBG



## **Housing: Helpful Topics**

- Tennant rights
- Landlord actions
  - o Repairs
  - o Eviction
  - o Lease-renewal
- Free Legal Counsel
- Becoming unhoused, what to do



## **Housing: Resources**



Links will be sent in follow up email after the session

**Short-term housing (a few weeks:** Nova Ukraine / Emergency Housing and Shelters (family shelters and childless shelters):

Long-term rental housing: Subsidized housing (affordable/low-income/senior multi-family houses, Section 8 vouchers)

#### Other/non-government programs and agencies

- Housing assistance for Ukrainians (HAU)
- Local CSBG Providers in your area
- <u>HUD Affordable Apartments by County</u> (updated quarterly)
- Find Financial Assistance for rent hardship
- Public Housing Authority by County
- RSS & Employment Service Providers
- Resettlement Agencies in CA
- <u>Resolving common rent-related issues</u>



### **Housing: Question & Answer**





## **Question and Answer Topics**





## **Employment: Basics**



### What are US employers looking for?

- US-based work experience (1+ year)
- Positive US-based references
- Resumes, 2 pages *maximum* (not CVs)
- Experience with the skills needed
  - English proficiency is not necessary for stabilization employment
- Ability to pass drug test, show up on time reliably
- Benefit to the company



## **Employment: Common Job Types**

### Stabilization employment

- Common experience: "down shift" from prior positions
- Goal: gain US-based work experience, earn income for basic living expenses

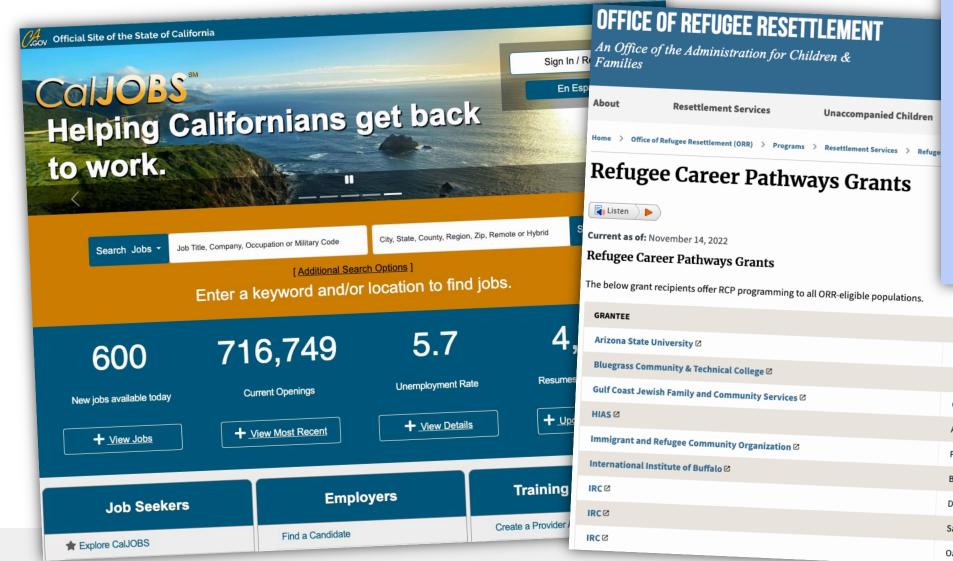
### **Career Pathways**

- Common experience: prior education not recognized in the US, or the return to your field of expertise will take a significant financial and time re-investment
- Goal: begin/ re-start journey to higher-skill, higher-wage positions





## **Employment: Resources**



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СІТҮ	STATE
Tempe	AZ
Lexington	KY
Clearwater	FL
Ann Arbor/Philadelphia	MI/PA
Portland	OR
Buffalo	NY
Dallas	тх
San Diego	CA
Oakland	СА

### **Employment: Question & Answer**





## **Question and Answer Topics**





## **Transportation: Basics**

#### **Driving in the United states**

How do I obtain a driver's license?

- Making an appointment at the DMV
- Fees
- Common mistakes

#### **Buying** a car

What is important to know to purchase a car?

- Private sales vs Dealers
- Knowing a car's history
- CEO Loans

#### Securing insurance

Why is insurance a requirement in the US?

- Types of insurance
- Where to find options

#### **Public Transportation**

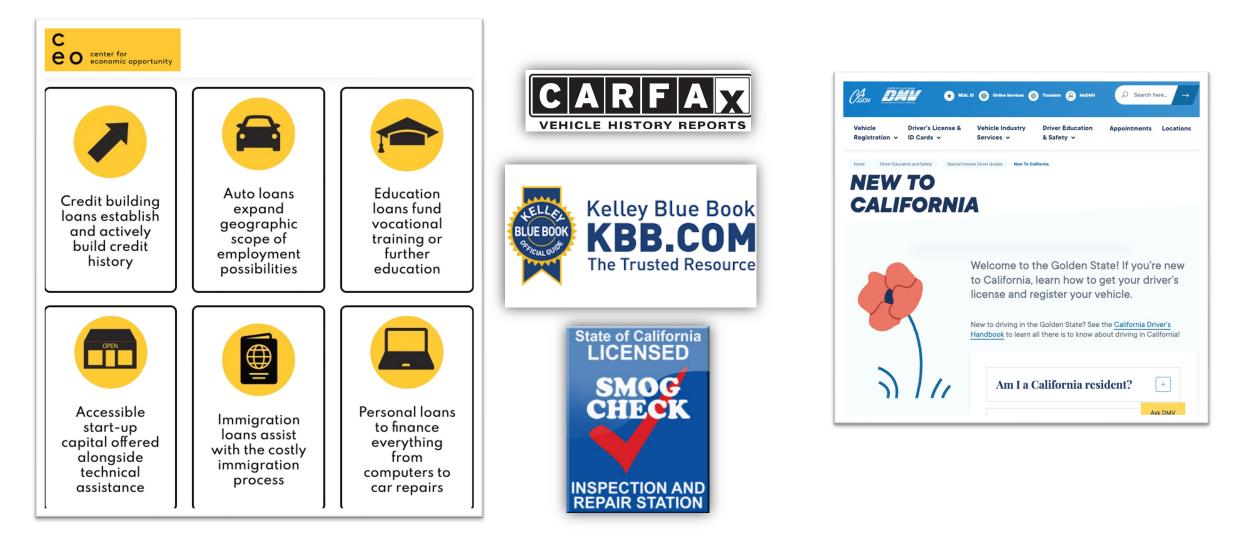
Other options besides owning a car?

• Advantages and Limitations





## **Transportation: Resources**





### **Transportation: Question & Answer**





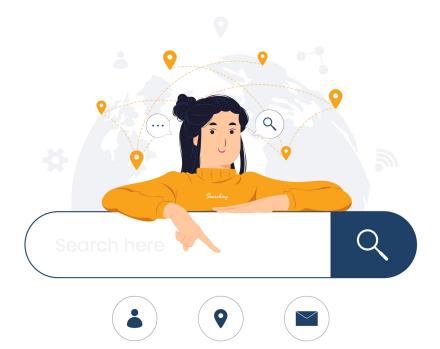
## **Question and Answer Topics**





### **Available Resources**

- ✓ Nova Ukraine Refugee Portal
- ✓ SupportGuide.org
- ✓ California Department of Social Services
  - Refugee Programs Bureau (RPB)
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- California Department of Public Health
  Office of Refugee Health



\*links will be included in the email after the session



### **Resource Hub**



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Welfare Benefits

How to Apply

Health Insurance

Local Resources

Where to Learn English

Other Resources

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#### Welfare Benefits

Ukrainian parolees with no income or low incom

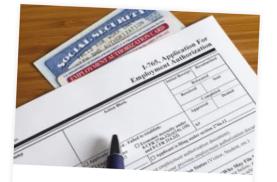
#### Medical Insurance (Medi-Cal)

Medicaid is government-funded health insurance are eligible for Medicaid if your family's income 138% of the federal poverty level).

Ukrainian parolees receive full Medicaid covera health services and prescription drugs are cove

almost every visit to a specialist or procedure requires a referral and prior approval or the

### Resources for Living in the U.S.



Documents

Social Security Number, employment authorization, and drivers license/ID

Learn More



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#### **Temporary Protected Status**

What is Temporary Protected Status and how to apply for it

Learn More



### **Available Resources**

#### CA UHP Provider Map / K... Q :

visit SupportGuide.org
 Map of Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolee
 (UHP) Service provider agencies.
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- 1\_Start here: All UHP Service Providers
- Food Bank

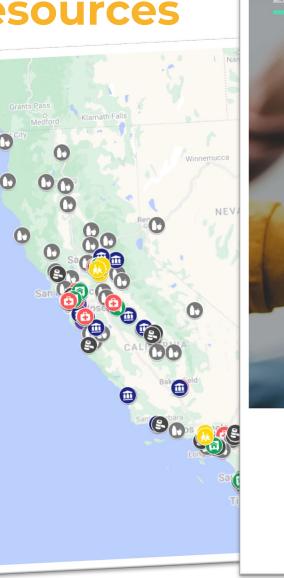
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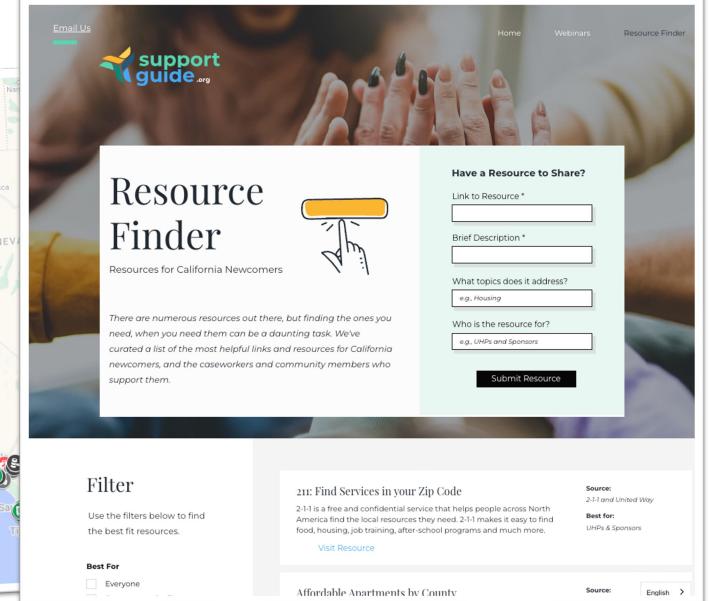
- Legal Services
- Community-Based Organization
- Resettlement Agency
- Government Agency
- 🕒 Medical Provider
- Oschool-Based Organization
- Faith-Based Organization

HAU (Housing Assistance for Ukrainians)

Benefits (Cash aid, etc)

Housing Navigation

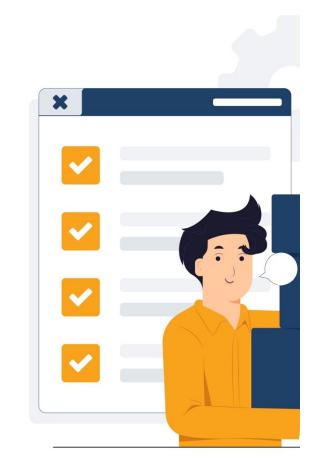




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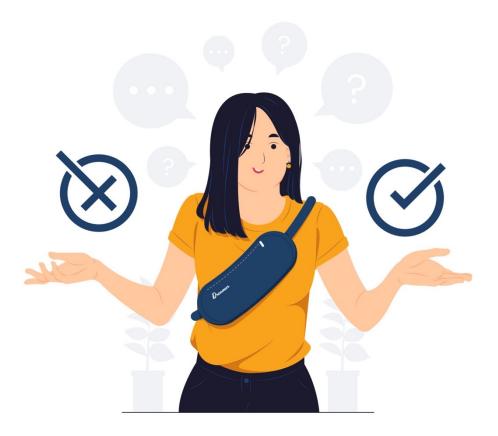
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- ✓ The slide deck
- ✓ Referenced links
- Survey to provide feedback on today's session
  - Ask additional questions
  - Suggest future topics





## **Questions & Answers**







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