A recap of Renting to Refugees in Allegheny County - May 28th session

The Opportunity: Sign up as a landlord contact of JFCS and AJAPO - you'll receive periodic updates from these organizations about opportunities to rent to recently arrived refugees around Allegheny County.

- AJAPO and JFCS are currently the two refugee resettlement agencies operating in Allegheny County.
- With new policies on refugee admissions from the US federal government, we expect to see a large increase in refugees coming to Pittsburgh over the next several years.
- ***We need your help to house incoming refugees in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County!***

How JFCS and AJAPO support refugees in being reliable and dependable tenants:

- Resettlement agencies cover at least the first two months of rent and security deposit for refugee clients upon arrival to the United States.
- When refugee clients first move in, we educate them on how to take care of their home - using home appliances, keeping their place sanitary, paying rent, etc.
- Case workers also are always available to help facilitate communication with landlords and provide interpretation when necessary.
- Resettlement agencies provide comprehensive family and career support services to ensure that refugees have a smooth transition to life in America, are connected to jobs as soon as possible, and are prepared to live and thrive in their new homes.

These are the general qualities we're looking for in housing for refugees:

- Properties along public transportation
- Reasonable rent
- The option to bypass background check and application fee*
- Reasonable security deposit
- An understanding that a resettled refugee's Social Security Number will be available but not upon arrival
- An ability to pick up keys and set up the home BEFORE the arrival

How do I sign up to be a landlord contact of JFCS and AJAPO?
Fill out this form here.

Any questions?
Email refugeehousing@pittsburghpa.gov with any questions or concerns you have.

Additional Resources:
- Read more about AJAPO's work in refugee resettlement here
- Read more about JFCS' work in refugee resettlement here