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Ramirez June Developmental Disabilities Navigator Initiative

*Connecting New Americans with Developmental Disabilities to
Resources and Services in New York State*

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ONA's Beginnings

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo established the Office for New Americans (ONA) in 2013 to assist newcomers to New York State who are eager to contribute to our economy and become part of the family of New York State.



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Who are New Americans?

New Americans are immigrants:

- refugees, asylees
- undocumented individuals
- and all newcomers who reside in the U.S.



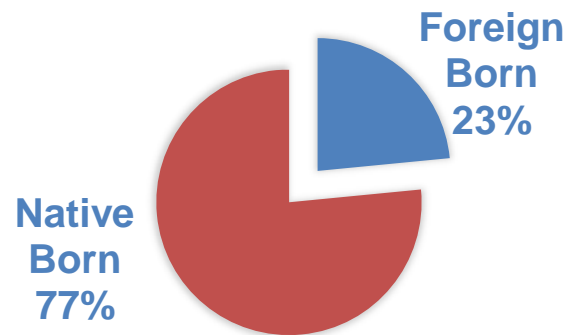
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4.4 Million New Americans in New York State

(19.45 million individuals total)



American Immigration Council (AIC)
American Community Survey (ACS)



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Undocumented Immigrants

- Estimated 940,000 “unauthorized immigrants” in NYS
- Entry across the boarder w/o inspection by immigration services
- Overstayed visa



Migration Policy Institute (MPI)



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NYS New American Languages

About **2.5 million individuals** in NYS with limited English proficiency (LEP)



American Community Survey (ACS)



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ONA Opportunity Centers



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New Americans Hotline

1-800-566-7636

Information and referrals

- 9 a.m.- 8 p.m., Monday to Friday
- Confidential, free, and anonymous
- Anyone can call for information and referrals
- **200+ languages**



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Ramirez June Developmental Disabilities Navigator Initiative (RJDDNI) Mission

Help affirm the dignity, value, respect, contribution, and worth of all New Yorkers with developmental disabilities by assisting new Americans with developmental disabilities and their families to connect with needed resources, information, and services.



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Ramirez June Developmental Disabilities Navigator Initiative (RJDDNI)

- Grantee of the NYS **Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)**
- Three-year New York State-based initiative
- Informed by the experiences of the **Ramirez** family and the family of Siewling (**June**) Lum



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RJDDNI Action Step: Outreach to new Americans and immigrant service providers



Chinese-American Planning Council Brooklyn, NY, 02/07/2020



Consulate of Paraguay NYC 1/29/2020



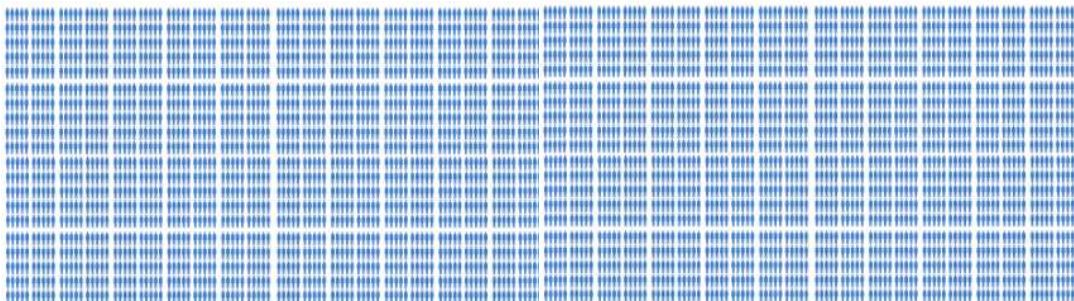
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RJDDNI Action Step: Collect demographic data on new Americans with developmental disabilities

4.4 million immigrants in NYS



 = one thousand



Image source: American Immigration Council (AIC)



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Barriers for New Americans

- Lack of **linguistically accessible** resources
- Diagnosed with developmental disabilities **later in life and less often**
- **Symptoms may go undetected** due to language and cultural differences



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One-third of pediatricians in the U.S. do not conduct developmental screenings



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Save the Date!

Webinar: Developmental Screenings and New Americans— Strategies for Identifying Developmental Delays

- **Thursday, June 11, 12-1 p.m.**
- In partnership with the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Impact Grant, Council on Children and Families (CCF)
 - Ages & Stages Questionnaires (ASQ)
 - Referral to the Early Intervention Program



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Resilience of New Americans



Strong resilience for new American families

- to navigate hurdles to care
- support loved ones with developmental disabilities



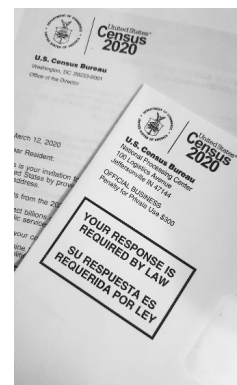
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#DisabilityCounts2020

- Data from the **2020 Census** will determine **billions** of dollars in funding for programs that help individuals with disabilities.
- New York State is now **#38 with a 54.8% rate** in 2020 Census completion.



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If you would like to connect with this initiative or schedule a presentation, contact NewAmericans@dos.ny.gov



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