Humanitarian Settlement Data (2016): Settlement report data for 2016 shows that 41% of new arrivals settled in NSW, followed by 29.6% in VIC, 11.6% in QLD, 7.4% in SA, 5.7% in WA, 2.8% in TAS and 0.5% in NT.

In NSW this equated to 10228 persons.

Free Refugee Health Training online: All NSW Health employees are encouraged to complete the on-line course: "Meeting the healthcare needs of refugees", developed by Health Education and Training Institute (HETI). NSW Health employees can log into the new "My Health Learning" site to access the Refugee Health training module.

Refugee Health Network of Australia

RHeaNA continues to document case studies of NDIS failure for refugees with a disability, for submission to the Australian Government.

If you have issues of national significance and would like to get in touch with RHeaNA contact the NSW representative Dr Mitchell Smith.

NSW Refugee Health Improvement Network meeting:

The RHIN is convened by NSW Refugee Health Service (RHS). The next meeting will be held at RHS Liverpool on 13 July. Contact the Convenor for details.

NSW RHS has recently opened a new clinic in Fairfield and launched its Early Childhood Refugee Nurse program. The new clinic is based in the heart of Fairfield where the majority of newly arrived refugees are now settling, and will provide health assessments through the Refugee Nurse Program. A local media story can be found here.

The Early Childhood Refugee Nurse Program offers an initial home based visit to refugee families in metropolitan Sydney with children 0-5 years of age. Early Childhood nurses specialise in the health and development of children 0-5 years and work in partnership with families to enhance child growth and development. Anyone can refer a family to this service; referral form and further information can be found at: http://www.swslhd.nsw.gov.au/refugee/ecnp.html

Refugee Week Activities planned by RHS include:

- Joint launch with the UNSW Psychiatry Research & Teaching Unit, at Liverpool Hospital; including a Grand Rounds presentation and information stalls at Liverpool and Fairfield Hospitals
- Community screening of Constance on the Edge at Liverpool, Parramatta and Fairfield Libraries
- My Health Learning Keep Cup campaign for NSW Health staff completing the Meeting the healthcare needs of refugees module
New resources

**Education Centre Against Violence (ECAV):** Information for the Health Care Workers When Engaging Interpreters in Domestic Violence Screening – place order via ECAV website:


**Translated NDIS factsheets:**

Information about the NDIS has been translated into ten languages other than English. Resources will continue to be added to each page as they become available.


**Legal Aid NSW - Dedicated Refugee service** commenced in Feb 2017. Refugees who have settled in NSW will have access to early legal advice and will learn about their rights and responsibilities under Australian law.

The “How Legal Aid NSW can help you” brochure is available in 23 languages.


**NSW Fair Trading - Think Smart Multicultural Education Strategy 2016-19** - a community education initiative of NSW Fair Trading aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of consumer rights issues by community members from amongst Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities in New South Wales.


**Settlement Services International Future Ability Report** – “Multicultural Communities getting NDIS-ready” **Future Ability Report 2016** - A full overview of the achievements and successes of Phase 1 are presented in this project report.

Training and professional development

**17-24 Jun 2017: Refugee Week.** This year’s theme is: “*With courage let us all combine*”. Activities held across Australia; see [www.refugeeweek.org.au](http://www.refugeeweek.org.au)

**13 July 2017: NSW Refugee Health Improvement Network.** Special topic: “*The Dynamics of Food Access in Sydney’s Afghan Community*” – Guest speaker Luke Craven; 9:30-12:00 at RHS Liverpool. Contact the [Convenor](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/Access_and_equity/Think_Smart_program.page) for details

**23 June 2017:** Core concepts in working with people from refugee backgrounds, one-day workshop, STARTTS; see [website](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/Access_and_equity/Think_Smart_program.page) for more dates and locations.

**21 July 2017:** Core concepts in working with people from refugee backgrounds, one-day workshop, STARTTS; see [website](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/Access_and_equity/Think_Smart_program.page) for more dates and locations.

**10-11 Aug 2017:** Accidental Counsellors: Responding to Refugee Trauma Related Behaviours. STARTTS; see [website](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/About_us/Access_and_equity/Think_Smart_program.page) for more dates and locations.
Publications & research

A sample of published articles is below. Links to abstracts are provided where full texts are not available for free.


Mack, B & Willborn, R (2017) *Description of tobacco use and cessation among Bhutanese refugees participating in a tobacco cessation program*, Ethnicity and Health, pp. 1-13


If you have a health-related refugee item for the next Refugee Health E-news please contact:

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