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# **New Community Ambassadors Program Launched to Streamline Distribution of Immigration and Resettlement Information Among Resettled Afghans in U.S.**

*Afghan Community Ambassadors Program is Administered by #AfghanEvac, Afghan-American Foundation*

San Diego — The Afghan Community Ambassadors Program (ACAP) is for Afghan community leaders from across the United States to receive validated information, mostly originating from U.S. government sources, on issues impacting resettled Afghans and their family members living in the U.S.

Community leaders who sign up will receive immigration and resettlement related information via email on a regular basis that they will share and distribute among their Afghan community members. Participation in the program is free and voluntary.

ACAP is administered by the #AfghanEvac team, in collaboration with the Afghan-American Foundation, and is meant to amplify important information being promulgated from a variety of different sources, including myriad United States Government departments and agencies.

**“As our Afghans allies and their families resettle in neighborhoods across America, they need updates on everything from new policies coming out of D.C. to resources available in their local communities. We established this free program to help ensure that when Afghans need vital information that directly affects their relocation and resettlement journey, they can get it from trusted community leaders,”** said Shawn VanDiver, Navy veteran and founder of #AfghanEvac.

**“The Afghan Community Ambassador Program (ACAP) is an important initiative that will strengthen outreach efforts to the resettled Afghan community and create a streamlined communication channel between direct sources of immigration and resettlement information and the community,” said Mustafa Babak, Executive Director of Afghan-American Foundation.**

Community Ambassadors may receive Afghan Support Center flyers; Official programming from U.S. government agencies or credible non-government / non-profit organization programming; Notices about U.S. government policy changes; and other information relevant to the resettled Afghans, many of whom served alongside U.S. military and diplomatic forces.

More information can be found at [afghanevac.org/community-ambassadors](https://afghanevac.org/community-ambassadors).

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### **About #AfghanEvac**

The more than 200 organizations that make up the non-partisan #AfghanEvac coalition work hand-in-hand with government entities and advocate for ways to provide new Afghan community members with the stability they need to resettle and thrive in their new lives here.

For twenty years, Afghan allies worked and fought side-by-side with U.S. and allied forces through the longest war in American history. The #AfghanEvac coalition is committed to ensuring that their service, partnership, and commitment to American ideals is honored.

**Website:** <https://afghanevac.org/press>

### **About Afghan-American Foundation**

The Afghan-American Foundation (AAF) is a non-profit and non-partisan organization founded in January 2020 to advance and promote the interests of Afghan-Americans through thought leadership, policy advocacy, and public education and engagement. Our constituents are Afghans in the U.S. – a population expected to exceed 500,000 people at the conclusion of the current wave of resettlement. Over the past two years, AAF has focused primarily on a humane and dignified resettlement of evacuated Afghans through high-level advocacy. AAF seeks to serve, support, and represent Afghans-Americans through five main venues: principled advocacy; coalition building; civic engagement; education and enablement; and research and analysis.

**Website:** [www.afghanamericans.org](http://www.afghanamericans.org).