

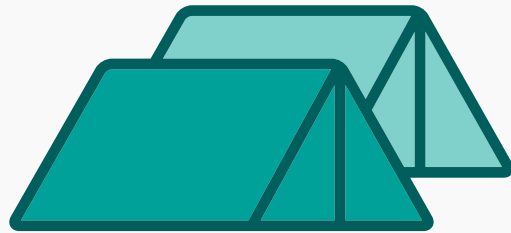


THE REFUGEE PROCESS



Fleeing Home

A person is forced to leave their home to escape war or persecution.



Asylum

Refugees arrive in a neighboring country and must live in temporary housing or a refugee camp.

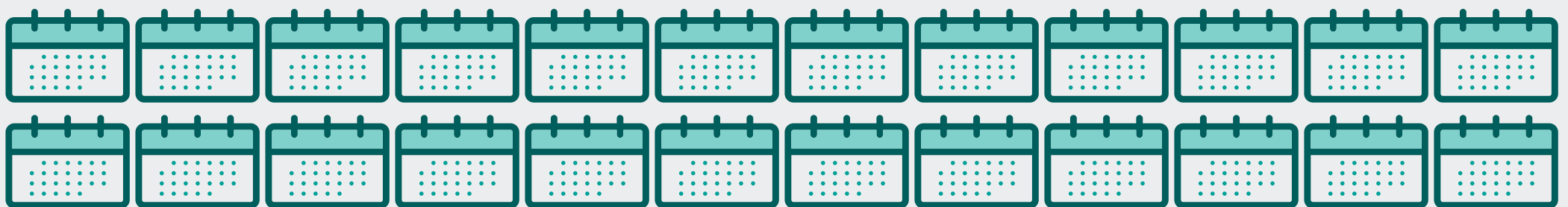


Refugee Status

All refugees must apply for refugee status through the United Nations High Commission of Refugees.

Waiting

Refugees wait on average 18-24 months before being resettled.



Screening and Background Checks

Refugees resettled by the United States go through a multi-layer vetting process including background checks, interviews, and health screenings prior to resettlement.



Arrival

Caritas of Austin staff welcome refugees at the airport, take them to their new apartment, and provide comprehensive support during their first six months in Austin.

