New Asylee Information

1. Important Documents
   a. I-94
      i. Make a copy and keep it safe.
      ii. Do not modify.
   b. Asylum grant letter from the Asylum Office
      i. Make a copy and keep it safe.
      ii. Do not modify.
   c. Unrestricted Social Security Card
      i. If you do not receive an unrestricted social security card after your asylum approval, you must go to the social security office and get one. You will need to bring your I-94 or asylum approval letter and your passport or photo ID.
      i. Valid for 2 years.
      ii. You do not need to have an EAD to work.
      iii. You can work with your unrestricted social security and I-94.

2. Important Information
   a. Your asylum is indefinite, it never expires.
   b. You can apply for residency one year from the date of approval.
   c. You can pass on your asylum to your spouse and/or children.
      i. You must do so within 2 years.
   d. You can not travel outside of the United States unless you have a refugee travel document.
   e. You can travel within the United States freely.
   f. You cannot return to your home country.

3. California Identification or California Driver’s License
   a. You can renew it for 5 years now. You can also obtain a California “Real” ID.
4. Refugee/Asylee Public Benefits
   a. You are entitled to the following benefits after asylum approval. Apply as soon as possible. For more information, please see additional flyer.
   b. Receiving public assistance will not affect your immigration status in the future.
      i. CalFresh – Food
      ii. CalWorks – Cash assistance only available if you have children
      iii. Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) – RCA is only available for the first 8 months and only if you do not have children
      iv. Employment Assistance
      v. MediCal – Health Care

5. Criminal
   a. Understand and abide by all laws
   b. Be mindful of social media presence
   c. Committing a serious felony could put your asylum at risk, such as:
      i. Domestic Violence
      ii. Child Abuse
      iii. Crimes of Violence
      iv. Buying, Selling or Using Drugs or Driving under the influence of Drugs or Alcohol
   d. Although marijuana is legal in California, it is still a federal offense to possess marijuana, and it could affect your asylum and immigration status in the future.

6. Selective Service
   a. Males 18–25 years old must register for the selective service.
   b. Register at www.sss.gov
   c. Keep proof of registration
   d. Required for Citizenship

7. Federal and State Income Taxes
   a. File your Federal and State taxes each year you earn an income.

8. Change of Address
   a. You must notify USCIS within 10 days of moving of your new address if you have any pending applications.