

Making a Connection (MAC)

MAC is a specialized program for youth and young adults in our community. Using a tailored curriculum, the MAC program provides participants the skills and services necessary for acclimating to life in America and accomplishing their educational and career oriented goals. The purpose of the MAC program is to match refugee youth with positive adult mentors, programs, and services that promote positive civic and social engagement and support individual educational and vocational advancement.



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Who can participate in the program?

- Youth 15-24 years old
- Have been in the United States for no more than 60 months (5 years)
- New York Residents
- With one of the following immigration Statuses:
 - Refugee
 - An Asylee
 - A Cuban or Haitian Entrant
 - An alien admitted as an Amerasian immigrant
 - A parolee
 - A certified trafficking victim and their derivatives
 - Iraqis and Afghans granted Special Immigrant Status (SIV'S)
 - A Lawful Permanent Resident who previously held one of the above statuses



Does it cost anything to participate?

No, participation in the program is free for anyone who qualifies .

How do I enroll as a participant?

To enroll as a participant., please contact the Making a Connection Program Coordinator, Snow Steel, to schedule a meeting. Meetings can be scheduled by phone. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Program Highlights

- Participants create an Individualized Connection Plan (ICP) outlining short-term and long-term education, career, and social goals. The program also includes individualized mentorship with community members in a field of interest and activities to assist with community integration, academic support, career development, and health and financial literacy.

