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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 25, 2006  
**TO:** County Refugee Health Contacts  
**FROM:** Laura Smith, Program Administrator  
Bureau of TB and Refugee Health  
**SUBJECT:** Updated Refugee Health Services Program Guide

### INFORMATION ONLY

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In the last complete year of data (calendar year 2004), Florida received 24,536 new arrivals and county health departments (combined) provided a health assessment to almost 84% of them. What an accomplishment toward a goal of 90%! Let's continue in 2006 to follow the vision of the Florida Refugee Health Program (RHP) to:

- Provide culturally sensitive services to the large volume of refugee health clients who arrive in Florida and,
- To protect the public's health from the possible introduction of communicable disease to the State.

We have enclosed a guide to assist county health departments in this task to provide refugee health services. It is not all inclusive, but a living document that may be updated as information changes. Relevant forms, contact information and technical assistance updates have been included for easy reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (850) 245-4444, ext. 2303 if you have any questions or comments.