



World Refugee Day 2005

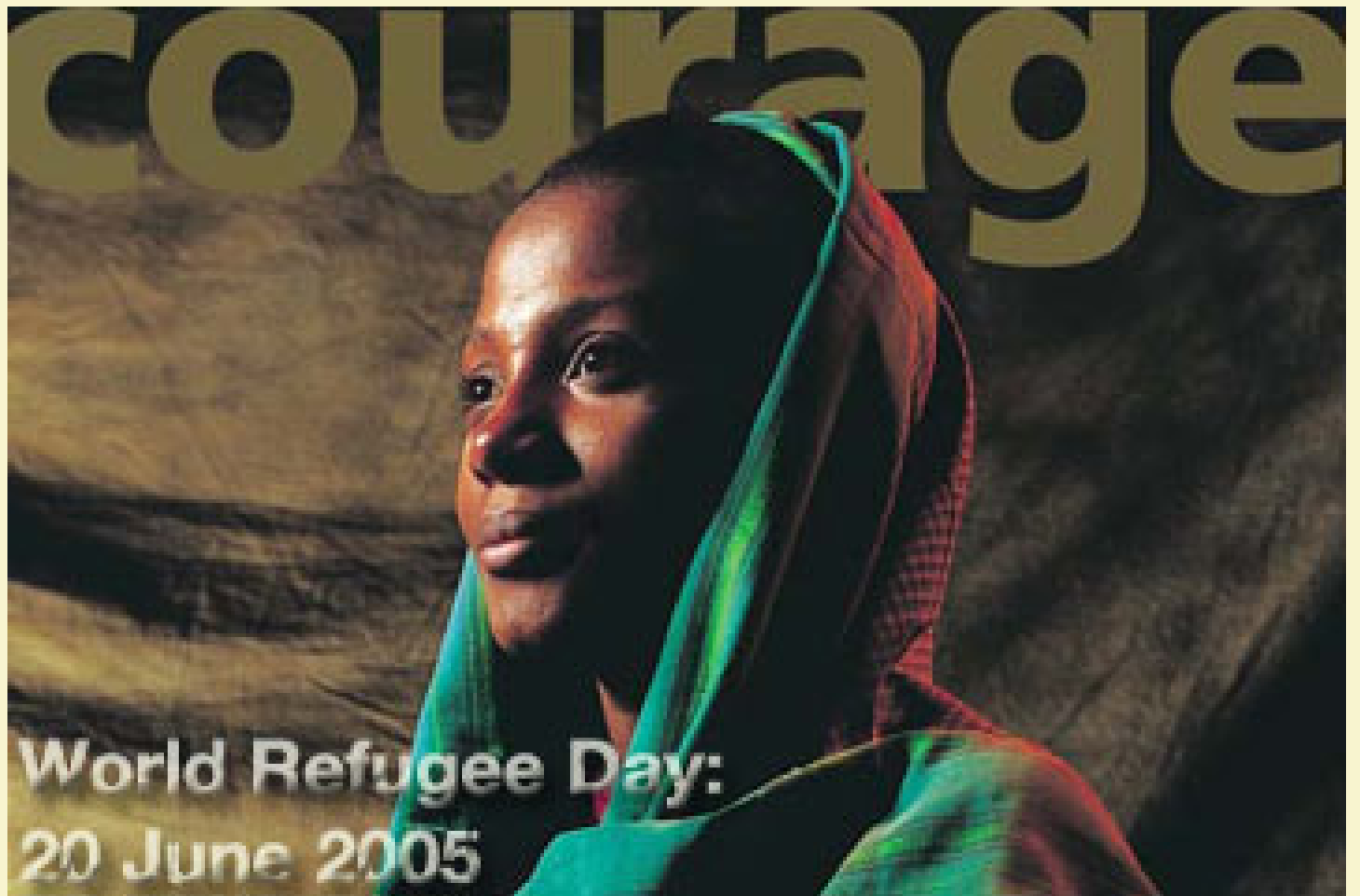
Courage

bringing attention to the millions of refugees
who are forced to flee their homes each year



“World Refugee Day is a salute to the indomitable spirit and courage of the world’s refugees, not just in enduring the dangers and violence of the crises that made them refugees, but also in the courage they show in rebuilding their lives and contributing to society in difficult or unfamiliar circumstances.”

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)





COURAGE (n.)

- *Mental or moral strength to venture, preserve and withstand danger, fear or difficulty (Webster's)*

It Takes Courage to be a Refugee



- As ordinary people living peaceful lives, we rarely have to put our courage to the test. Refugees are ordinary people, too, except that through no fault of their own, they find themselves in extraordinary circumstances. As such, they are often required to dig deeper into their own inner sources of strength in order, as another dictionary puts it, to find “the ability to overcome fear.”
- Initially, that fear may be the immediate one of trying to escape the horrors of war and persecution, the pain of losing homes and loved ones, and the ordeal of flight. Later comes the deeper anxiety of uncertainty – the worry of how to rebuild their lives, either in completely new circumstances, or back home where they now may not be welcome.

*Source: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
(www.UNHCR.org)*

Fatima, South Darfur



- After three weeks of treatment in a feeding centre in Kas town in South Darfur, baby Fatima is described by her mother as being "dramatically better".

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Maria, Colombia



- Maria is seventeen, and already a widow. Last year members of an armed group rampaged through her remote village in Colombia, shot the men and torched the huts. Maria ran into the dense forest where she walked and hid for days. Exhausted and bleeding, with no identification papers, she stumbled into a friendly village and, eventually, found herself in the care of UNHCR at a facility in Bogotá. With their help, she was provided with proper documentation. Now, with her ordeal behind her, and armed with renewed hope and a basic education, Maria plans to start her young life all over again.

Source: www.UNHCR.org

Dr. Phu Hung, Vietnam



- As a French-trained physician, Phu came under government suspicion. Fearing for his life, Phu decided the only way out was to flee by boat to Malaysia. In 1969, he joined a dozen other escapees in an open fishing boat. Twenty parched, sunblistered days later, he and seven fellow survivors found themselves in the Sungei Besi camp near Kuala Lumpur. Eventually, with the help of UNHCR, Phu was resettled in Canada where, to re-qualify as a pediatrician, he first had to learn a new language, English. Phu also had to get used to the frigid Calgary winters, which to a Vietnamese brought up in the tropics, is no small matter.

Source: www.UNHCR.org

Hana, Sarajevo



- Still today, from the safety of her Gothenberg flat, Hana looks back at those terrible days with disbelief: how could the people next door, friends for generations, so suddenly and violently hate her? Why, after centuries of neighborly cooperation, did the unspeakable evil of ethnic cleansing suddenly explode? Bombed out of her home during the siege of Sarajevo, Hana made her escape by sneaking through the enemy lines at night. After weeks of walking, she eventually became once of the 700,000 Balkan refugees in Western Europe. Accepted for asylum in Sweden in 1995, Hana today is a proud mother of two, a successful businesswoman, and deputy mayor of her district.

Source: www.UNHCR.org



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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CELEBRATES WORLD REFUGEE DAY

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health (DOH) celebrates June 20th as World Refugee Day, in recognition of the contributions of refugees throughout the world. This year's theme, "A Celebration of Courage," highlights the millions of refugees worldwide who are forced to flee their homes. To commemorate this day, DOH Refugee Health Program has several activities planned in conjunction with the World Refugee Day celebration, including a lunch and learn program and an informational display.

"World Refugee Day symbolizes the undying spirit of refugees who journey to America and rebuild their lives while positively contributing to our society," said DOH Secretary John O. Agwunobi, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.H. "I am humbled by their courage and determination to strive for a better life in a foreign land."

"The Florida Department of Health Refugee Health Program serves more than 20,000 clients annually, primarily persons from Cuba, Haiti, and Colombia, although we have served clients from very diverse groups such as the Somali Bantu and the Sudanese Lost Boys," Agwunobi added.

DOH encourages individuals to learn of past experiences of refugees who now reside in Florida, witness the daily living conditions of refugees around the world, and learn about the role DOH plays in meeting the health needs of refugees in Florida.

For additional information about DOH World Refugee Day activities or the Refugee Health visit the Department of Health's Web site at www.doh.state.fl.us and select refugee health from pull-down menu.



Refugee Health Program

Mission: *Provide culturally sensitive health services for refugees to enhance personal health status and protect Florida's public health.*



Eligibility Requirements

IMMIGRATION STATUS

Refugee

Asylee

Cuban/Haitian Asylum Applicant

Cuban/Haitian Entrant

Amerasian

Victim of Trafficking

Unaccompanied Refugee Minor

Unaccompanied Alien Minor

TIME LIMITS

Health Assessment-within 90 days of arrival in U.S.

Immunizations-started within 8 months of arrival in U.S.



Health Services Provided

Reimbursement is provided to CHDs for:

- TB skin test and chest x-ray
- Hepatitis B panel
- Hepatitis C testing
- Parasitic infections testing
- Sexually transmitted disease testing
- Physical assessment
- Lipids, Malaria, Sickle Cell
- Medical History
- Health Education
- Immunizations

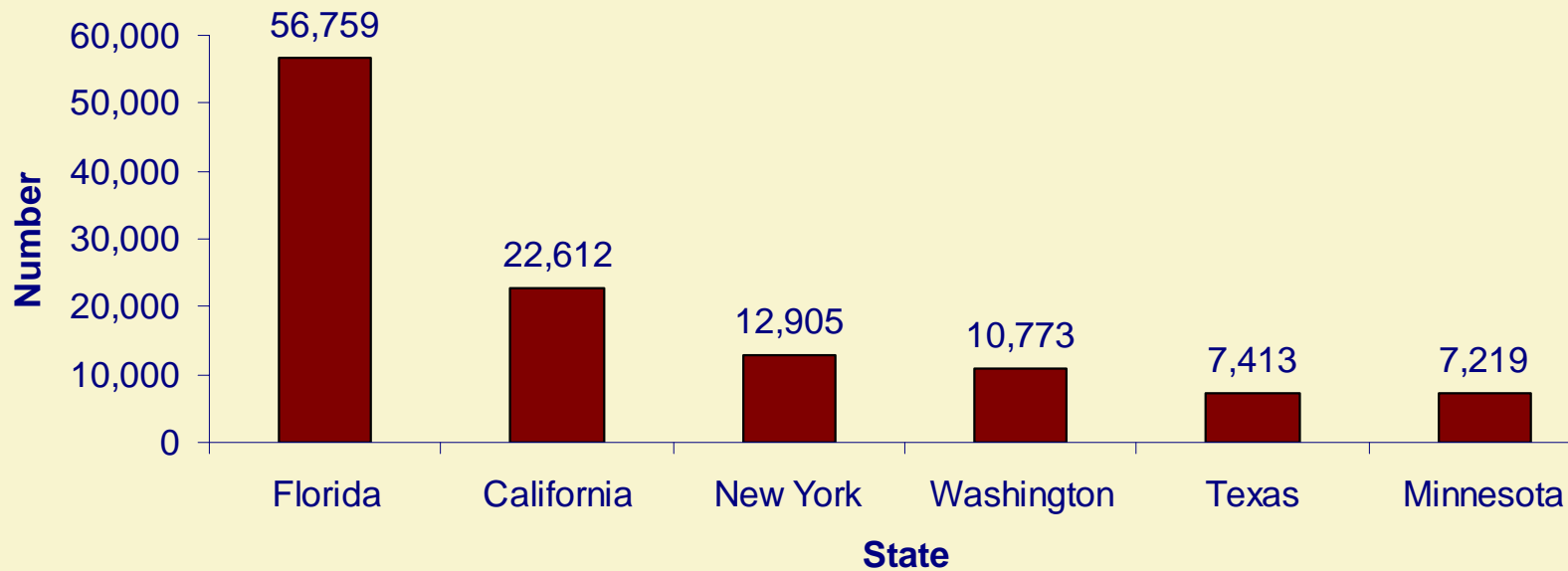


Special Projects

- Bicycle Helmet Project provides helmets and bike safety information to refugee children
- Refugee Health Enablers bus passes, food coupons, hygiene kits
- Quality Improvement Process (QI) review of CHD Refugee Health Programs
- Dental Health Enablers basic dental services provided

National Statistics

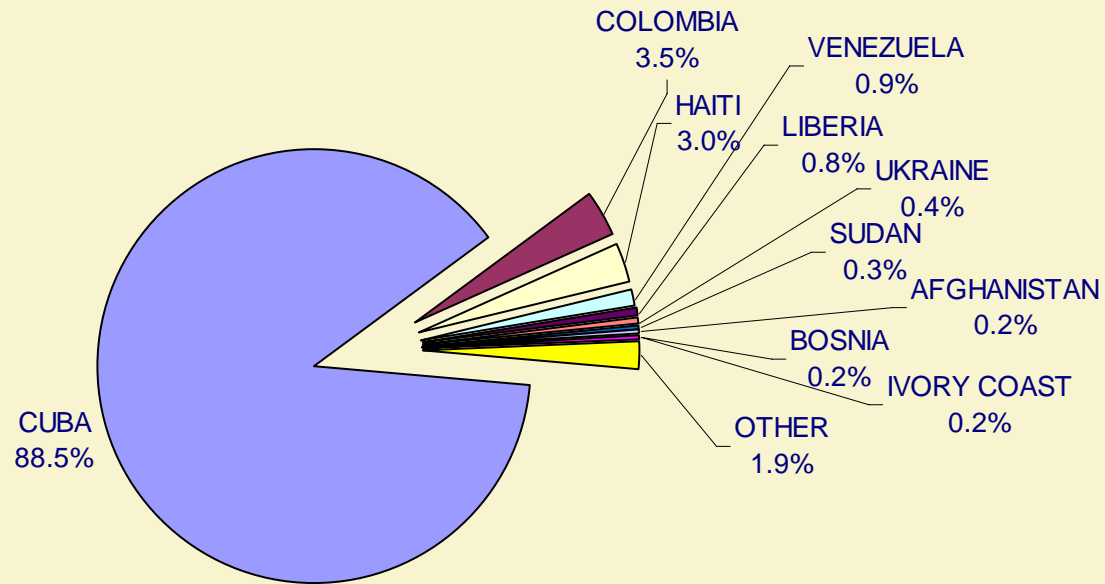
Number of Refugee Arrivals by State (FFY 2001, 2002, 2003*)



*Office of Refugee Resettlement

Florida Statistics

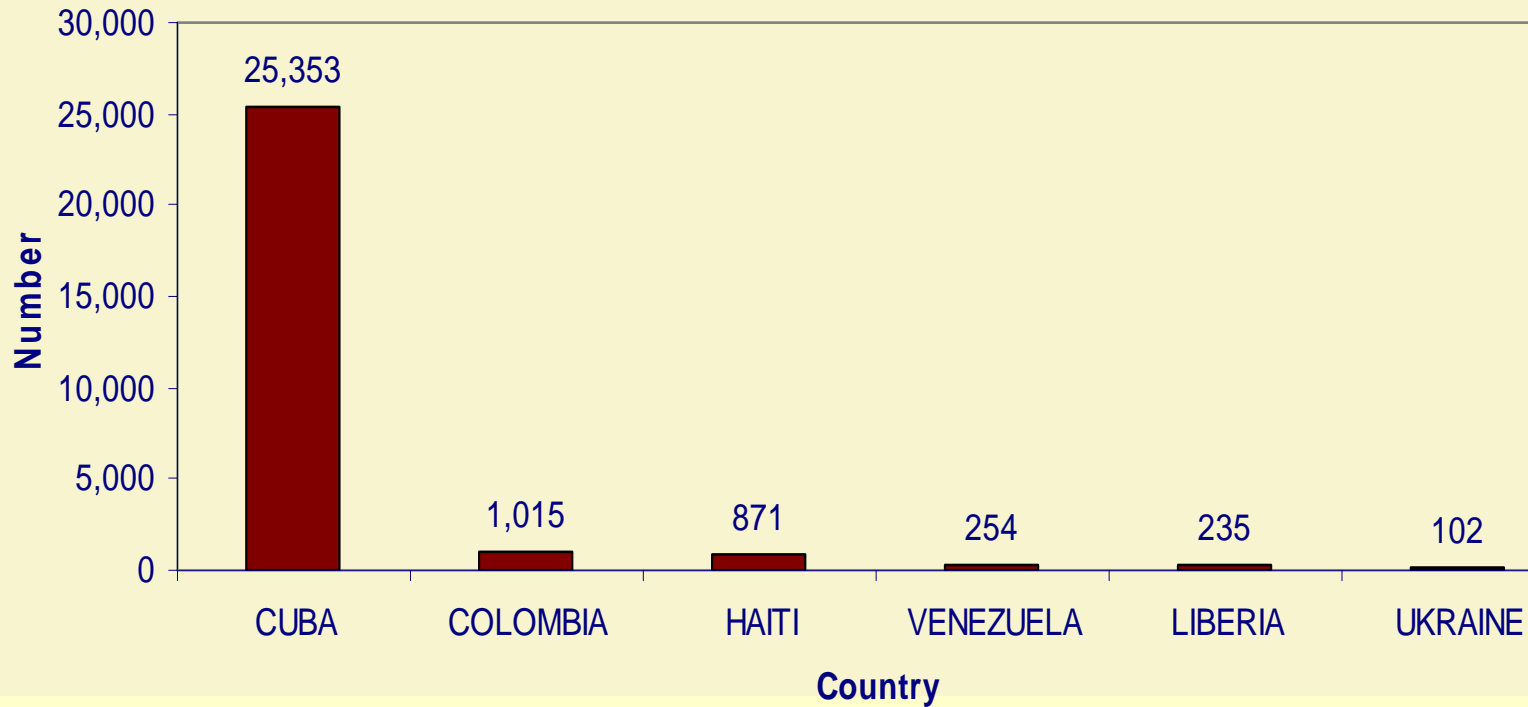
Total New Arrivals by Country of Origin, Florida,
7/01/2003-6/30/2004

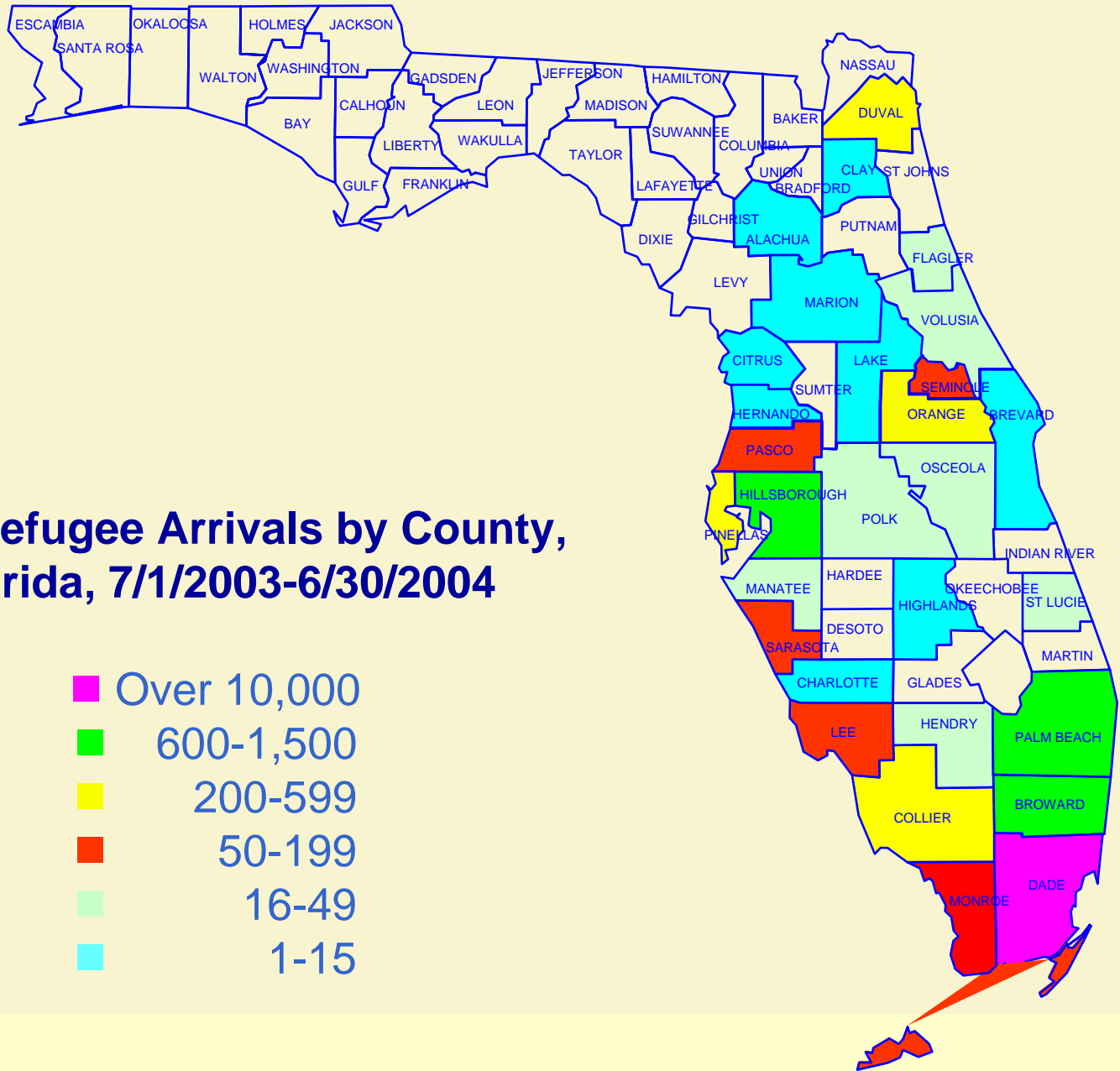




Florida Statistics

**New Refugee Arrivals by Top Six Countries of Origin,
Florida, 7/01/2003-6/30/2004**





Interpretation and Translation Services Program...

A Lifeline for Refugees



ITS Vendor	Service Provided
<p>Institute for Cultural Competency (ICC) *Jim Manczak 800-654-6231</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telephone Interpretation• BASIC Interpreter Training• ADVANCED Interpreter Training• Cultural Competency Training
<p>ITS Program Office *Wilma Jackson 850-245-4444 ext. 2314</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Document Translation
<p>CTS LanguageLink *Sarah Gamble 1-866-519-3598</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On-site Face-to-Face Interpretation

Bridging the Language and Culture Gap

- ITS Strategies
 - Develop a language assistance plan
 - Train bi-lingual staff or hire on-staff interpreters
 - Translate written materials in target languages
 - Access telephone interpreters whenever necessary

