

## **Mission / Vision Statement**

ECIRMAC (also known as the Refugee Center) exists to provide services essential to refugee and immigrant resettlement in East-Central Illinois and to aid in the exchange and preservation of their respective cultures. As an organization, we believe in the inherent worth of all human beings, regardless of nationality, ethnicity, religion, race, sex, sexual orientation, or cultural heritage. We similarly believe that it is possible and desirable for all human beings to live peacefully together, and to work together to create a more loving and compassionate world in which everyone's basic human needs and rights can be secured.

## **History**

The East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center (also known as ECIRMAC, or the Refugee Center) was created in 1980 by Vietnamese refugees as a way to help other newly arrived refugees acclimate to American culture, and to provide services commonly needed by this population. Since then, the Refugee Center has expanded its scope to assist all refugees, immigrants, and political asylees, regardless of country of origin. The Center currently has the capacity to provide services in seven languages, including: English, Spanish, French, Vietnamese, Russian, Cantonese, and Mandarin. Services can be arranged in other languages at request.

## **Internships**

None listed

## **Volunteer Projects**

Various projects include tutoring, translating, and clerical tasks.

For more information about volunteering at the ECIRMA please visit their website.

<http://ecirmac.weebly.com>

## **Contact Us**

To contact the East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center, please call or visit their office.

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