

Adolescent refugees are an under-served group at risk for victimization (through bullying and exposure to neighborhood violence), unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, obesity, and depression. In Rhode Island (RI), recent immigrants accounted for up to 7% of the suicides in the 2005-2010 RI Child Death Review, while comprising less than 1% of the refugee adolescent population. Hasbro Children's Hospital serves as the medical home for all children in RI and partners with the International Institute of Rhode Island to help support refugees throughout the state. The proposed intervention, ARRIVE (Adolescent Refugees of RI Valuing Excellence), will bring together 12-14 adolescents in the refugee community to participate in a weekly, one-hour positive development group aimed at promoting behavioral, social, and emotional success. Participants will be identified by providers and refugee community leaders. ARRIVE is informed by members of the refugee community and empirically supported therapeutic frameworks for group intervention. The therapeutic framework of the ARRIVE group will flexibly address emotional functioning (i.e., coping), social context (i.e., cultural differences, isolation, bullying), and behavior through experiential activities and exploration of youth self-defined values. Together adolescents will explore how their own unique experiences, values, and sense of meaning impacts their striving for "success". ARRIVE will be sustainable and permeable (i.e., members can come and go as needed).