

Chapter 8 Task for Web

Task

Help a Refugee Family

Suppose you are volunteering with an organization that welcomes refugee families to Canada. You are asked to help the Sarohans, a family of four from Afghanistan, settle in your community. They have a six-year-old girl and an eight-month-old boy.

1. Go to the Citizen and Immigration Canada Web site at www.cic.gc.ca. Click on **Refugees** under **Coming to Canada** in the left margin. Under **Related Links**, select What Canada is doing to help refugees. Then select The Matching Centre. Write a short report about how the Matching Centre helps refugees settle in Canada.
2. The Sarohans have applied for social assistance. Go to http://www.settlement.org/sys/faqs_detail.asp?faq_id=4000365 to learn more about how the Ontario Works program (social assistance) can help refugees settling in Ontario. What are some things the Sarohans should know about the financial assistance program?
3. The Sarohans will receive \$619 for basic needs plus \$647 for shelter. Use a budget template to create a monthly budget for the Sarohans.
4. What difficulties might the Sarohans have with living on social assistance?
5. After two months in Canada, Mrs Sarohan starts babysitting a friend's children 2 h per day five days per week. She earns \$20/day. What are some things the Sarohans should consider when revising their budget to reflect the change in income?