

# Welcome Start Outreach Partner Toolkit

For Outreach Partners to send to their networks

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## Afghan OP Newsletter Blurb



### Introducing Welcome Start

**Introducing Welcome Start, powered by Cell-Ed, a free online program helping Afghan newcomers transition to life in California.**

**Welcome Start** supports Afghan refugees in select counties in California by providing them with zero-cost courses and coaching in their own languages so they can improve their English, learn essential job and life skills, and access more opportunities.

Plus, Welcome Start hours are countable for employment activity requirements under CalWORKs, CalFresh E&T, and RCA.

This program is funded by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), the Refugee Program Bureau (RPB), and Immigrant Integration.

Welcome Start:

- Is offered at no cost to [eligible](#) Afghan refugees
- Is available anytime, anywhere — no smartphone or WiFi required

- Has courses and live coaches available in English, Dari, and Pashto
- Is also available in text-only and audio lessons

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