

TERMINOLOGY DEFINED

- ❑ An immigrant *voluntarily* leaves his/her country of origin to permanently live in the U.S.
- ❑ A refugee is *forced* to flee due to persecution (based on politics, religion, race, nationality, or membership in a particular social group).
- ❑ An asylum-seeker is *forced* to flee, but doesn't ask for protection until already in the U.S. If granted protection, they are then an asylee.
- ❑ Migrants move around looking for work, usually in the agricultural or fishing industries.
- ❑ Undocumented refers to foreign-born individuals who do not possess immigration documentation. It includes people who entered the U.S. without inspection and those who entered with a visa that is no longer valid.
- ❑ Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) available to those who worked with the U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq or Afghanistan.
- ❑ Humanitarian Parole allows one to stay and work in the U.S. but it does not provide a direct pathway to permanent residency or citizenship.

