



- 1130 Iranian religious minority refugees completed CO in FY 2013
- 1-2 classes per week, average 20 applicants per class
- 99% class attendance rate (approximate)

Our Strengths:

- Clear communication of key CO messages; lively and respectful engagement with students; US-born Trainers and Iranian staff Interpreters

Our Challenges:

- A small staff which can become overburdened or under-utilized depending on pipeline
- Applicant misinformation, anxiety and suspicion





"I've heard Working in
America is like the US
a pun in Farsi. It means 'All work.'"

"You must work hard."

"Job laws benefit the Boss."

"I want to open a Bedding Store."

"US bosses can fire you at any time. No job is stable."

"I want to be an auto mechanic again."

"Without money, what will we do?"

Entry level jobs."

"65 is the retirement age!"

"Maybe I can babysit for my grandchildren while my children work."

"Pizza delivery, babysitting & working at home."











READY FOR THE USA

1130 CO GRADUATES 2013

