

Organization Profile

# Partners of Refugees in Illinois Disability Employment

Improving pathways for refugees with disabilities in Illinois and elsewhere



PRIDE is a three-year initiative undertaken by professors and refugees at the University of Illinois-Chicago that has worked to develop, field test and disseminate employment training programs to enhance employment pathways for refugees with disabilities.

Here's what we do and how you can help our call to action to expand this work nationwide!

## OUR VISION



1. Enhance service providers' ability to support refugees with disabilities in finding employment.
2. Train and support refugees with disabilities in pursuing competitive employment.

## OUR MISSION



By helping refugees with disabilities enter the workforce on their own terms, based on their unique skills, we are building richer and stronger communities in Illinois.

## THE REALITY

# 52%

About 13 million of the estimated 25 million refugees worldwide (52%) live with a wide range of disabilities. Unfortunately, no U.S. statistic exists.

During the course of our research, we discovered a need for our services at every step of migrating to the United States. Since they didn't exist yet, we started creating those services ourselves:

"I would like to see PRIDE continuing forever, not just being a short-term program. It really is a success story."

TEDROS Participant

To learn more about Tedros and other PRIDE success stories, visit our website at <https://pride.ahslabs.uic.edu>

## SUCCESSES

Created & disseminated an employment orientation curriculum for refugees with disabilities.

Created & disseminated a disability awareness curriculum for refugee service providers.

Developed and coordinated sustainable partnerships across a broad range of sectors.

Refugee Agencies

Workforce Development Centers

Transportation Experts

Employers

Disability Agencies

Local Chambers of Commerce

OVER 60 COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN JUST 3 YEARS

SINCE 2017

# 50

refugees & asylum seekers with disabilities served by our research-driven employment support program

BECOME AN EMPLOYER PARTNER TODAY

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## How you can help:

# 1

Are you an employer or hiring manager for a refugee service organization? We have a state-of-the-art online training module for you and your staff! Check it out here & let us know if you're interested!



# 2

Donate | Volunteer | Become a partner organization



## PRIDE In The News

- UIC Today
- Center for Leading Innovation & Collaboration
- Disability Visibility Project
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