



ECE[®] Aid Newsletter

A charitable initiative developed to provide free evaluation reports for vulnerable and displaced populations.



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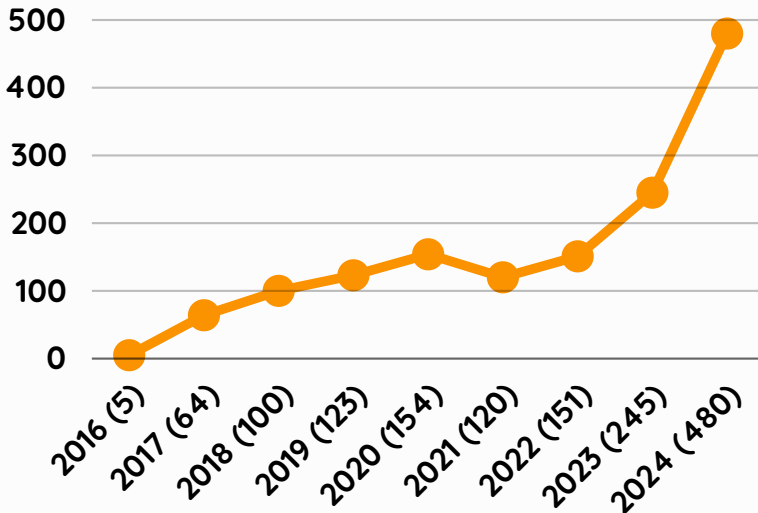
We've reached the end of the calendar year and the beginning of a new one, which means it's time to celebrate our accomplishments, reflect on our work from the previous year, and of course, feel energized in tackling whatever the year ahead has in store for us.

In this newsletter you'll learn about the large increase in completed evaluations for ECE[®] Aid recipients, the addition of several new participating institutions and organizations, and the many activities and outreach events we attended and/or participated in during 2024.

We are dedicated to serving even more displaced and marginalized communities in 2025, and we are truly excited to see how we can work creatively and effectively to meet those goals. We can't wait to show you what's ahead for ECE[®] Aid in 2025!

Now, as the thrill and excitement of a new semester for students, faculty, and staff members begins, let's take a look at what we achieved together in 2024.

Completed ECE® Aid Evaluations



Over **1,400** free evaluation reports have been completed since the launch of ECE® Aid in 2016.

Big Numbers

We had a record year in 2024 with close to 500 evaluation reports completed through the ECE® Aid initiative.

One of the biggest contributors to this increase was our dedicated ECE® Board of Directors and brilliant finance team. It was their decision to shift away from fundraising and instead use a percentage of ECE® revenue to fund ECE® Aid fee waivers.

As revenue forecasting is a bit more predictable than fundraising efforts, we were able to distribute a much larger amount of coupons for fee waivers to ECE® Aid participating organizations and institutions in 2024.

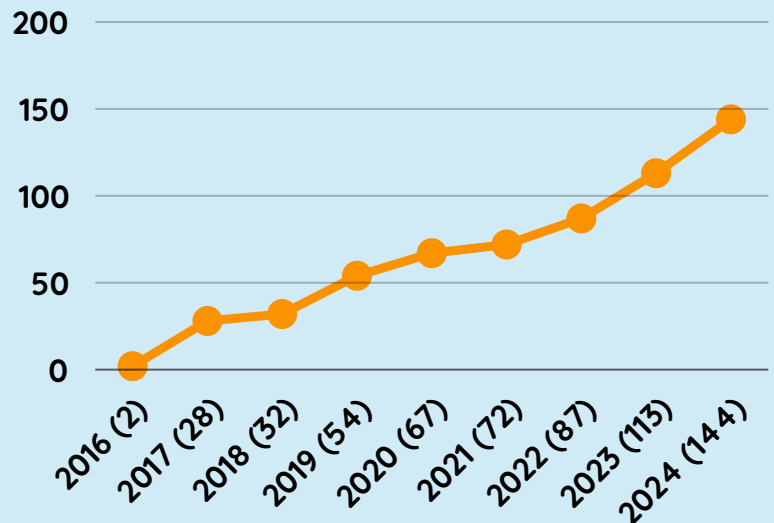
In 2024 ECE® Aid recipients were educated in Ukraine, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana, Colombia, Russia, India, Haiti, Rwanda, Cuba, Pakistan, Egypt, Jordan, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iran, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Sudan, Mexico, Venezuela, Kenya, Uganda, Brazil, Cameroon, Spain, Jamaica, Vietnam, Morocco, El Salvador, Nepal, Tunisia, Chad, Poland, Burundi, Belarus, Türkiye, South Korea, Switzerland, Marshall Islands, Malawi, Moldova, United Kingdom, Ecuador, and China.

Adding More Participants

Every year the interest in ECE® Aid continues to grow, and 2024 was no exception. We welcomed over 30 new participating organizations and institutions as referral partners.

From resettlement agencies to school boards, from community colleges to universities, from literacy councils to law firms, the diversity in participating organizations allows for maximum accessibility to ECE® Aid fee waivers for marginalized communities in need of assistance.

ECE® Aid Participating Institutions & Organizations



Activities and Outreach

We were quite busy in 2024 with many engaging activities and outreach events.

Here are some highlights and how we stayed active in the international education community:

February

- Presented to Montgomery College:
 - “Adult Students - You Belong Here Series: What Can I Do with My Previous Education?”
- Wisconsin Association of International Educators (WAIE) webinar participation:
 - “Refugees and Displaced Persons: Their Journey to our Campuses and How Can We Help”

April

- Presented to Beloit School District, WI:
 - “Educational Opportunities for Adults”

May

- NAFSA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA:
 - Poster presentation: “Boosting Higher Education Access for Displaced Populations: Resources and Tools”

June

- Participation in virtual Migration Summit - Unlocking and Engaging Talent: Pathways for Dignified Work

July

- ECE® Marketing Meet-Up in Milwaukee, WI

August

- Celebrated eight years of ECE® Aid!

- Presented to the Consulate of Mexico in Milwaukee, WI:
 - “Cómo revalidar tus estudios de México en Estados Unidos”
- Attended “Our City of Nations” conference, Milwaukee, WI

October

- Presented to Jewish Family & Community Services Pittsburgh - Immigrant Workforce Program

November

- Presented to Welcome Campus Network virtual meeting

All-Year

- Active participation in the Switchboard Community of Practice - “Client-Centered Services”
- Active participation in the Supporting Higher Education in Refugee Resettlement (SHERR) Community of Practice - “Developing Refugee Educational Opportunities: Reducing Barriers to Enrollment”

Looking Ahead to 2025

Much more is in store for 2025 and ECE® Aid. Our team is working on improved systems and workflows, more effective communication with stakeholders, and additional services for those most affected by upheaval.

And the ECE® Board of Directors have approved even more fee waivers for 2025. Participants, keep sending your referrals!

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