



MASSACHUSETTS COUNCIL of CHURCHES

October 2022

Church, we are in the midst of housing & immigration crisis across the world. [Here in Massachusetts, many people are arriving seeking safe shelter.](#) Our Haitian kin in Christ at Immigrant Family Services Institute are seeing overwhelming need. [The Boston Globe](#) reported IFSI “performed approximately 5,200 intakes from April through September. That figure represents a more than sixfold increase compared to the first half of last year.”

We invite you to help welcome these neighbors with items to restore dignity while they seek housing, work, and stability. All items need to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. We invite you to pray for the recipients of these items as you send these bags off. Please label each bag: ADULT, YOUTH, or BABY. Additionally, we invite you to send sanitary pads, any size diapers, and any brand of infant formula to the same address below.

Please send to:

[Immigrant Family Services Institute](#) c/o Mass. Council of Churches
1626 Blue Hill Avenue
Mattapan, MA 02126

WELCOME KITs FOR ASYLUM SEEKING ADULTS

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
 - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
 - No pocket combs or picks
 - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package (either one is acceptable)
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original package
- One toothbrush in the original package
- One mini toothpaste
- One ChapStick or other lip moisturizer
- Ten standard size Band-Aids
- Ten sanitary pads

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WELCOME KITs FOR ASYLUM SEEKING YOUTH

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
 - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth
 - No pocket combs or picks
 - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable
- One bath-size bar of soap in the original package
- One YOUTH toothbrush in the original package
- One mini toothpaste
- One ChapStick or other lip moisturizer
- Ten standard size Band-Aids

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WELCOME KITs FOR ASYLUM SEEKING BABIES

- One can of [powdered infant formula](#), at least 21oz or more, any brand
- One bottle with three nipples, any brand or size
- One 2oz tube [diaper rash cream, any brand](#)
- One [packet of wipes](#) (of at least 45 wipes)
- Five [Size 2 diapers](#)

Please try to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc type bag. If necessary, use tape to shut.

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