

Reality Check

Cultural Orientation  
at RSC Austria

In the old European capital of Vienna, Resettlement Support Center Austria is a way station for Iranian religious minorities who are headed for the United States. They are Christian, Bahá'í, Mandaean, Zoroastrian and Jewish refugees. As part of this process, refugees attend a 16 hour Cultural Orientation class.



The CO Trainer and a Farsi-language interpreter lead the class through role-playing activities, lectures and discussions. Many of these Iranians are well-educated, but like other refugees on the way to the US, some of them begin CO with unrealistic expectations....





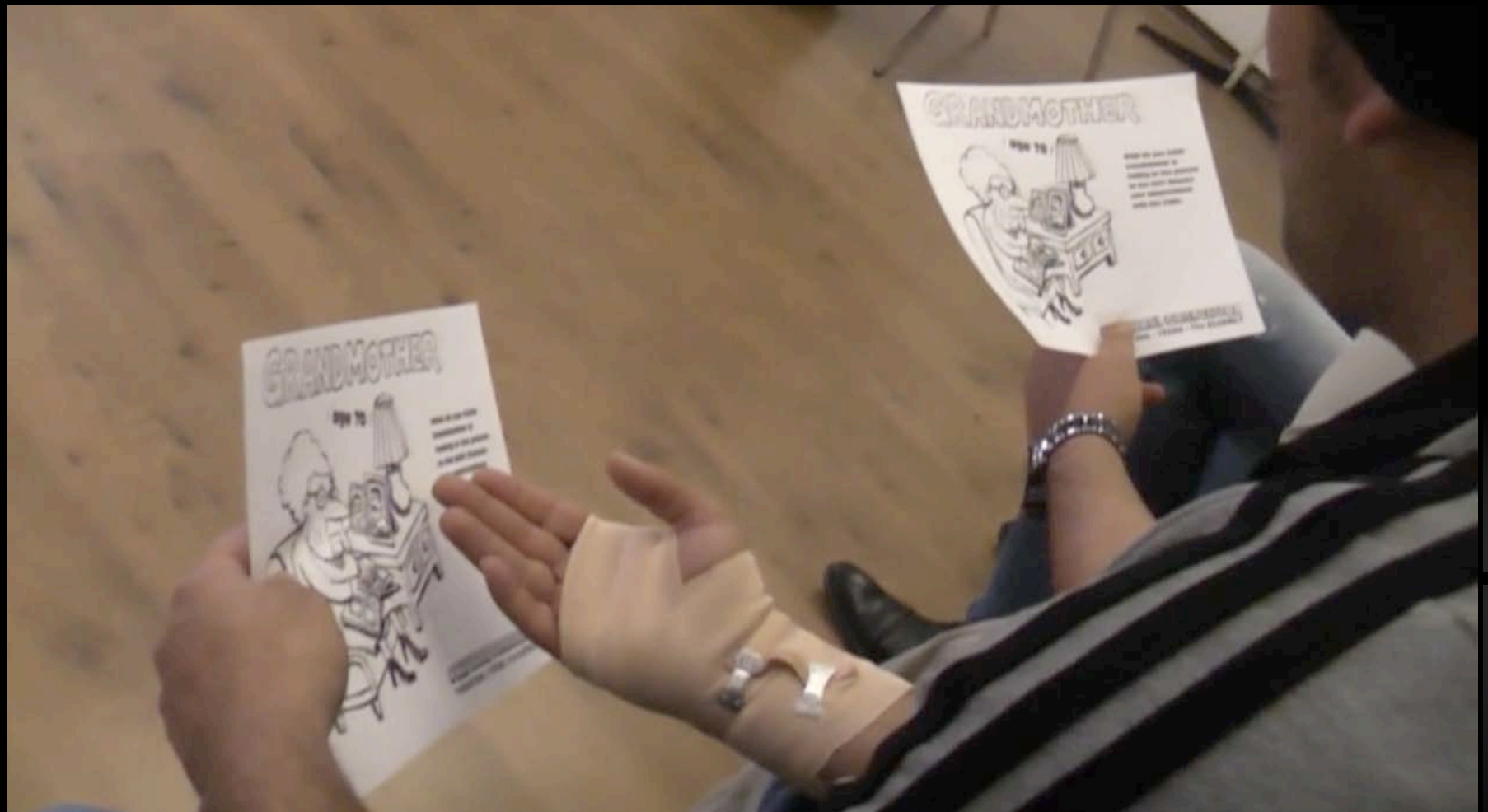






Transportation and Elderly class activities







What expectations do you have about resettling in the US? And what is the first thing you will do once you get there?

















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