



## 2025 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

NEW ARRIVAL SERVICES | EMPLOYMENT & FINANCIAL COACHING | COMMUNITY HEALTH | SOCIAL SERVICES | YOUTH DEVELOPMENT | WALK-IN SERVICES

### CAREER TRAINING & FINANCIAL COACHING

**\$6.96:1**

is the Benefit-to-Cost Ratio estimated for KOM's **Employment Services**.

That means that for every dollar invested in the program, there is an expected \$6.96 of economic and health benefits returned to participants.

During the reporting period of July, 2024 – June, 2025, according to the Constellation Fund.



KOM's fall 2025 Community Services and Interpreting training class and instructor after completing their final exam.

### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Accessed health insurance coverage after KOM staff, certified as MNsure navigators, helped 235 households apply for or renew their coverage.

875 individuals

95% of participants

monthly for 3 years

Reported coming to KOM for health insurance assistance specifically because they knew they could get in person advise and/or help from someone who speaks their home language.

On average, the 15 clients in the **Peer Support Group** have been committed to meeting monthly for three years to share struggles and successes, resources, and important health information. The majority of the client-members are Karen women between ages 35 and 55.

See all of our programs at [www.mnkaren.org/programs](http://www.mnkaren.org/programs)

### RESOURCES & CONNECTION FOR NEW ARRIVALS



KOM Family Resource Connectors served over 200 clients who are **newly arrived to the U.S.** and under humanitarian protection in **accessing housing, county benefits, energy assistance, childcare, and more.**



KOM Employment Counselors worked with 82 newly arrived clients with **job placements & upgrades, household stability plans**, and more for a total of almost **400 appointments** - that's over 7 appointments each week.



100 refugee youth age 24 and younger achieved **135 goal plans** this year with support from our Family Education Support Mentors.



### OUR WEAVERS IN D.C.

In July, our youth and adult weavers were invited to represent the traditional Karen art of weaving at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, D.C. as part of their theme "Youth and the Future of Culture."



### DID YOU KNOW?

KOM's new arrival programs serve refugees from around the world who have been in the U.S. for under 5 years.

### SUPPORT IN RECOVERY & PREVENTION



Our Youth Case Managers work to support around **50 Karen and Karenni youth and their families** as they navigate **treatment and recovery from addiction**. Our staff also lead culturally-relevant prevention efforts out in the community.

“ What's Next really helped me out by **introducing me to different colleges, universities, and career options**. Thanks to the program, I **feel way more prepared for both school and the working world**. I honestly recommend it to anyone, it's very helpful and beneficial. ”

Reflection from a student in KOM's after-school program at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.



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