

Rules For Driving Clients

Thank you for offering to help your matched family with transportation!

The following applies to any volunteer (all levels) who will be interacting with our refugee families.

Remember, <u>anyone</u> who will be meeting your matched family must first have a signed Volunteer Agreement on file with RAA.

Before a refugee client enters your car:

- Send a picture of your driver's license and insurance to Adriana, Volunteer Coordinator (adriana@refugeeassistancealliance.org). Or send via WhatsApp. This must be on file.
- If the whole team plans to drive the family, the whole team must send their licenses and insurance documents.
- Understand that your matched family should only accept transportation if they feel comfortable doing so.

When a refugee client enters your car:

- Seatbelts must be worn at all times.
- Smaller children must have appropriately fitted car seats.
- Children should never be left unattended in a vehicle. Parents must remain with their children or authorize a Level 3 Team Member to stay with children but at no point should a child (under 18) be left unattended.
- Model safe driving: no texting and driving please!

Can my friend/relative drive my matched family, if they're not on the team?

• Only if they have a Signed Volunteer Agreement on file and have submitted a driver's license/insurance card to RAA. Please coordinate in advance.

Can I teach a member of my matched family how to drive?

Yes, with limitations! RAA has procedures for this. Here is our recommended Program

Outline for teaching clients how to drive.

- For their driver's permit: We advise CST's to help their matched family study the material and then set up the appointment at a DMV to take the test.
- For their driver's license: We advise CST's to enroll their refugee client in a driving school, sponsored by the team's fundraising pool.