Dario Lipovac

Senior Director of Refugee Services

Dario Lipovac serves as Senior Director of Refugee Services at IM Houston, where he leads programs encompassing refugee resettlement, case management, healthcare access, cash and medical assistance, and connections to employment and community resources. He works closely with staff, other resettlement agencies, healthcare providers, and community partners to strengthen referral networks and improve access to essential services. His leadership includes program planning, staff development, financial oversight, and compliance.

Originally from the former Yugoslavia, Lipovac brings more than 28 years of experience working with refugee populations, helping individuals and families rebuild their lives and establish stability in new communities. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Houston–Downtown with a degree in International Business. He is fluent in Serbo-Croatian and continues to develop his Spanish proficiency.

Before joining IM Houston, Lipovac served for 15 years as Senior Program Director at YMCA International Services, overseeing a broad portfolio of programs, including refugee resettlement. Earlier in his career, he spent 10 years with the Alliance for Multicultural Community Services in various leadership roles, including oversight of refugee resettlement programs.

A Houston resident since 1997, Lipovac is married with four children. Outside of work, he enjoys traveling, football, and fishing.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Refugee resettlement and integration in Houston
- Healthcare access and Refugee Medical Assistance
- Cash assistance, case management, and pathways to independence
- Community partnerships and coordinated support for newcomers

EDUCATION

- B.B.A., International Business, summa cum laude, University of Houston–Downtown
- Fluent in Serbo-Croatian

AFFILIATIONS

- YMCA International Services, former Senior Program Director
- Alliance for Multicultural Community Servi former leadership roles